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## Deal helps state dodge ‘brain drain’

Lamont, state worker unions reach agreement on wage increases designed to curb early retirements

By Christopher Keating  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Gov. Ned Lamont and state employees have reached an agreement on wages

and benefits that is designed to help deter some employees from taking an upcoming retirement deal, officials said Tuesday. Thousands of state employees are eligible to retire before June 30,

but Lamont wants to avoid a large “brain drain” of experienced, high-level employees who could be leaving in numerous agencies across state government. Both the Lamont administration and the unions refused to provide the complete details of the deal because they have not yet been fully presented to all rank-and-file

union members. The deal requires approval by the state legislature, which is facing adjournment on May 4 for the end of the regular legislative session. Lamont’s chief spokesman, Max Reiss, said the agreement will have an impact on thousands of employees.

“By coming to an agreement now, it’s a significant step as far as timing because there’s a runway between now and the end of June,” Reiss said in interview. “If people know that they will maybe have a wage increase, it could prevent some of the brain drain that we

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Hartford HealthCare ships its first installment of \$250,000 donation of medical supplies to war-torn Ukraine, where many ‘innocent people have close to nothing’

## HOPE FOR HEALING



Hartford HealthCare’s Juan Donato loads supplies bound for Ukraine from a warehouse in Newington on Tuesday. **MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/COURANT**

By Eliza Fawcett  
Hartford Courant

With reports of Ukrainian women giving birth in bomb shelters fresh in her mind as the Russian invasion raged on, Deanna Humennyj, a postpartum nurse at the Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain, decided to take action. The granddaughter of Ukrainians, Humennyj began to collect medical supplies for Ukrainian mothers and infants — and appealed to the leadership of Hartford HealthCare for help. “NICUs have been moved to bomb shelters. These innocent



Ukrainian American Deanna Humennyj, a postpartum nurse at the Hospital of Central Connecticut, urged CEO Jeffrey Flaks to donate medical supplies to Ukraine.

people have close to nothing,” she wrote in an email to president and CEO Jeffrey Flaks. “If you are able to donate any of these supplies from Hartford HealthCare, it would be truly appreciated by the Ukrainian community.” On Tuesday, Humennyj watched as the first pallets of a \$250,000 donation of medical supplies — including N95 masks, isolation gowns, exam gloves and bandages — were loaded onto a truck at Hartford HealthCare’s supply warehouse in Newington. The delivery was bound for New York, then Poland and would soon

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President Joe Biden announces a ban on Russian oil imports on Tuesday at the White House. **ANDREW HARNIK/AP**

## US bans oil from Russia

Biden: Sanction is a ‘powerful blow’ to Putin’s war funding

By Zeke Miller,  
Mike Balsamo  
and Josh Boak  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Striking harder at Russia’s economy, President Joe Biden on Tuesday ordered a ban on Russian oil imports in retaliation for Vladimir Putin’s onslaught in Ukraine. The major trade action, responding to the pleas of Ukraine’s embattled leader, thrust the U.S. out front as Western nations seek to halt Putin’s invasion. Americans will feel pain, too — at the gas pump — Biden acknowledged, declaring, “Defending freedom is going to cost.” The imports have been a glaring omission in the massive sanctions put in place on Russia over the invasion. Energy exports have kept a steady stream of cash flowing to Russia despite otherwise severe restrictions on its financial sector. “We will not be part of subsidizing Putin’s war,” Biden said, calling the new action a “powerful blow” against Russia’s ability to fund the

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## Plan to keep kids out of foster care wins federal backing

DCF aims to solidify a ‘safety net’ around Connecticut families

By Eliza Fawcett  
Hartford Courant

The federal government has approved a new plan by the state Department of Children and Fam-

lies aimed at stabilizing youth and families in the state before they reach crisis points, according to Gov. Ned Lamont. Connecticut’s Family First Prevention Plan, which was submitted to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for approval last summer, details the state’s plan to implement the Family First Prevention Services

Act, a 2018 federal law that expanded the use of federal foster care funds to include prevention services meant to support children and families. The law — which aims to redirect child welfare efforts away from placing children in out-of-home care and toward keeping them with their families — made services available for federal reim-

bursement, including programs offering evidence-based mental health treatment, substance use disorder prevention and in-home parenting support. “Child protective services has historically been reactionary: Something happens; somebody reports; we react,” DCF Commissioner Vannessa Dorantes said recently. “This gives us an oppor-

tunity to solidify that safety net around families.” The agency began developing the prevention plan in late 2019 and solicited feedback from 400 individuals, including parents and youth with DCF experience, advocates and state officials. The plan, DCF officials say, strengthens ties

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### UConn assistant Young in demand

UConn men’s basketball associate head coach Kimani Young is in the mix for the top job at UMass, which has been to the NCAA tournament one time since 1998. **Sports, Page 1**

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Deal

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know could be detrimental for state services.”

The deal was made with the State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition, known as SEBAC, which represents 43,000 state employees in 34 bargaining units in 15 unions. The unions expect ratification over the next four weeks.

“After over a year of negotiations with the Lamont administration at both the coalition and local union levels — including ‘outside employers’ like the Judicial branch, Higher Ed, Criminal Justice and the Public Defenders — local unions at all 35 bargaining tables in the State Employee Bargaining Agent Coalition have reached tentative agreements that will proudly be reported to members in their entirety,” the coalition said in a statement.

The unions said the deal includes “the completely voluntary PrudentRx program that will save members who are on specialty drugs hundreds or even thousands of dollars every year.”

The conservative Yankee Institute raised a caution flag before the legislature weighs in on the deal.

“Connecticut state government has an unfortunate history of governors negotiating bad labor deals that deliver higher taxes and lower-quality services,” said Carol Platt Liebau, Yankee’s president. “In an election year where state officials will be seeking endorsements from many of the powerful unions with whom they’re ‘negotiating’ now, it’s especially important that taxpayers see exactly what’s on the table — and have a chance to weigh in on the promises that are being made in their name.”

The agreement is related

to comments made by Lamont last week in New Britain about the impending retirements.

“I’m urging people to stay,” Lamont said when asked by The Courant. “We’re going to have a slight incentive to incent people to stay. I’m not looking for people to wholesale retire.”

“We’re going to be raising wages under the labor agreement that we’ll be announcing ... including some bonus incentives. Doing everything we can to keep people here or take a job in state government because we need you.”

So far, 952 state employees have already retired this year, according to the statistics from the state comptroller’s office, which oversees retirements. In addition, an updated total of 2,307 state employees have filed a non-binding “intent to retire” notice before June 30, but they must still file their actual retirement papers.

The need is particularly acute in the Connecticut state police, where eight troopers and supervisors retired on March 1 in advance of the upcoming benefit changes. In addition, 52 troopers and supervisors have filed notices that they will be retiring on April 1.

Public Safety Commissioner James Rovella, who oversees the state police, is looking to award raises as a way to retain the command staff because nine of the top 10 officers are eligible to retire as of July 1. That includes one colonel, three lieutenant colonels and six majors. Captains and lieutenants have their own union and are not included in the non-union total.

The pay increase for police commanders could range from 3% to 5%, but the final amount has not yet been decided. Police described the proposal as a “one-time pay compression adjustment, not a yearly

increase” into the future.

The deal, though, is separate from any wage increases for rank-and-file troopers because the troopers’ union is not part of SEBAC for wages.

The retirements are prompted by an agreement on benefits that was negotiated by SEBAC in 2017.

Employees retiring before July 1 will receive their current benefits that include a guaranteed minimum 2% cost-of-living increase in their annual pensions, as well as free health care premiums for some retirees and spouses. After that date, there will be no guaranteed 2% minimum COLA, and health care would cost roughly \$80 per month or about \$1,000 per year, officials said. The changes also include a longer wait for a cost-of-living adjustment for pension benefits, including waiting 30 months for their first COLA after retirement — instead of the current nine months.

The rules and nuances are highly complicated, and a summary of the highlights for state employees stretches for nine typewritten pages. The state has multiple pension “tiers” that depend on when the employee was hired, and the various tiers have different rules and levels of benefits.

Close to a quarter of the state’s total workforce — roughly 13,000 employees — will be eligible for retirement on July 1.

About 8,000 executive branch workers will be eligible for retirement, and some officials expect more than 5,000 to take it. Thousands of workers in the judicial branch and within the state’s higher education system are also expected to depart on July 1, but they were not included in a study by a legislative task force analyzing the issue.

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between the agency and a network of community programs that will provide support to families — without necessarily resorting to DCF involvement.

“How far-reaching can we get upstream so that when a family starts to need support, services are there, so they don’t even have to come to the attention of our agency?” said Ken Mysogland, the agency’s bureau chief of external affairs.

“If this works, our child protective services agency, and the need for our services, will actually shrink and supports will be provided earlier on, to prevent acts of abuse and neglect from occurring or escalating.”

The prevention plan hinges on identifying candidates for care — not only families known to DCF, but also those that might



DCF Commissioner Vanessa Dorantes said Connecticut’s prevention plan will help ensure positive outcomes for children and families. “Child protective services has historically been reactionary: Something happens; somebody reports; we react,” she said. “This gives us an opportunity to solidify that safety net around families.”

need help in the future — and connecting them with additional services. The agency’s priority candidates include those who call into

the agency hotline, siblings of youth in foster care and foster care youth who are pregnant or parenting.

Others who will be

referred for additional services include families accepted for voluntary care management, youth that have left foster care, chil-

dren with chronic school absences, trafficked youth, children of incarcerated parents, unstably housed youth or families, families experiencing interpersonal violence and others referred through “community pathways.”

“We really started to take a deep dive into our data to look at, ‘Where are families in our system?’ not just DCF but schools, mental health clinics, primary care facilities, [juvenile justice] populations,” said JoShonda Guerrier, an administrator of clinical and community consultation and support services at DCF.

“Where else do these families show up before we see them?”

Once such families are identified, an entity contracted by DCF (but separate from the agency) will provide assessments, referrals and assistance. Support programs might include family therapy for youth with behavioral issues or for those at risk of

developing substance use disorders.

“We’re always going to need to be here for children who are not safe,” Mysogland said. “But there are multiple steps that can be taken when a family is starting to indicate that struggle.”

DCF officials noted that sometimes, fear of the agency’s involvement can be a deterrent for families seeking care.

“The more we really unpack what it is that families need to be successful, it’s their ability to access services without the threat of the child protective services piece,” Dorantes said. “This is not either/or; it’s recognizing that what we do know is that when there’s a need, we can match a service to that need and see really great outcomes for all kids and families.”

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# For now, ballroom is refugees’ home

Lavish Romanian hotel offers respite, shelter — and hope

By Renata Brito  
Associated Press

SUCEAVA, Romania — As Olga Okhrimenko walked into a bustling ballroom-turned-refugee shelter at a four-star Romanian hotel, her corgi, Knolly, strained at the leash anxiously seeking the warmth inside. It had taken them three days to flee Ukraine by car, bus and taxi in the bitter cold.

The 34-year-old Ukrainian marketing manager could hardly contain her emotions, and a simple “Are you OK?” filled her eyes with tears she thought she no longer had.

The first refugees began arriving more than a week ago at the Mandachi Hotel and Spa in Suceava in Romania, where the owner decided to make the lavish ballroom available to them.

Since then, more than 2,000 people and 100 pets have taken shelter here, with row upon row of numbered mattresses set up under an incongruous glittering disco ball.

They are part of the swiftest refugee exodus this century, in which more than 1.7 million people have fled Ukraine in just 10 days, according to the United Nations Refugee Agency. Since the war started Feb. 24, more than 227,000 Ukrainians have crossed into neighboring Romania, according to local authorities.

Like Okhrimenko, some of the refugees at the Mandachi



Olga Okhrimenko holds Knolly as they sit inside a makeshift refugee shelter in Suceava, Romania. **ANDREEA ALEXANDRU/AP**

have fled cities on the front lines of the war.

“Whenever somebody asks me where I am from, and I say Kharkiv, their expression, it’s like I arrived from Hiroshima,” Okhrimenko said from mattress No. 60. “Then, I remember everything going on there, and I break down.”

After five days of shelling, she decided to flee Kharkiv on March 1 with Knolly, a couple of friends and their two cats. Their car passed by the city’s central Freedom Square just 20 minutes before it was engulfed by a giant ball of fire in a Russian military strike.

“It was difficult for me before to say I’m a great patriot of my land,” she said. “But on Feb. 24, I became one 100%.”

As she spoke, volunteers on megaphones interrupted

several times to announce buses leaving for Italy, Germany, Bulgaria and other European nations. The room was chaotic, filled mostly with women and children, as men stayed in Ukraine to fight. Some spoke Russian, underlining the sense of a war on family.

The majority of the refugees were Ukrainian, but there were also Nigerians, Moroccans, Italians, Chinese and Iranians. Toddlers cried in the arms of exhausted mothers, who took deep breaths to calm their children and themselves. Cats and dogs of all sizes shared beds with their owners, and one stressed Chihuahua with bulging eyes bit anyone who attempted to pet it.

Some 300 volunteers, translators and social workers take turns to help here.

In the mornings, they change the mismatched sheets on vacated mattresses, placing a “reserved” or “free” handwritten sign over them. In the reception area, the two bars display not alcohol but an array of diapers, toothbrushes, snacks — and even surgical masks and disinfectant gel.

At the opposite end of the King Salon, at mattress No. 82 near stacks of red velvet chairs, 85-year-old Nellya Nahorna sat in silence combing her gray hair with her fingers.

It was the second time this Ukrainian grandmother had fled war. In 1941, when she was just 4 years old, Nahorna was injured by shrapnel in Nazi Germany’s invasion of Ukraine, she said.

“The first night of the war, my mother grabbed me from my cradle and ran to

take the last car that carried the wounded to the border,” Nahorna recalled in a soft, low voice.

Now, more than 80 years later, it was her daughter, 57-year-old Olena Yefanova, who grabbed her on the first day of the war and crossed the border. They came from the town of Zaporizhzhia, where Europe’s largest nuclear power plant was hit by Russian shelling last week.

“This war is different,” Nahorna said in Russian.

In World War II, the enemies were German “fascists,” she said. But now, she was fleeing from her “brothers.” They had to make stops along the way to get her a Ukrainian passport.

“I would like to tell the Russian mothers .... help by keeping your sons right next to yourselves and don’t let them fight and attack other countries,” Nahorna said.

In an astonishing accomplishment, the same grandmother who leaned on a cane to make it from her mattress to a table a few steps away had walked the last 3 miles to Romania by foot.

At one point, Nahorna’s heart seemed like it was giving up, and a doctor gave her some pills so she could continue, her daughter said.

“My mother clenched her will into a fist and left,” Yefanova said proudly. “She understood that this is going to be hard, but she took it steadfastly.”

Yefanova had left her husband and one son behind, enlisted to fight the Russians. She wept as she showed a photo of them on her phone screensaver.

“Our kids play a game called little tanks — (Russian President Vladimir Putin) is playing his own version of this game,” she said. “And he is (using) his people in this game.”

A row behind Yefanova on mattress No. 34, Anna Karpenko thought of her partner as their 6-year-old son played with a yellow balloon.

Before she left him at their home in Chornomorsk, on the outskirts of Ukraine’s biggest port city of Odessa, he promised they would get married after the war.

But “when we said goodbye, it felt like it was forever,” Karpenko said, wiping tears from her eyes.

Normally, she said, she’s an optimistic person. Now she and her son both cry every day.

Russian ships have made repeated attempts to fire on the Black Sea port of Odessa, according to Ukrainian officials. Karpenko said people in her town had gathered on beaches to fill bags with sand.

Originally from Crimea, Karpenko speaks Russian, worked for a Russian language school and has relatives in Donetsk, one of two Russian-backed separatist regions in eastern Ukraine. The war in Ukraine has divided her family, with her Donetsk relatives supporting Putin.

“They think that all of their problems are caused by Ukraine,” she explained in frustration. “They worship (Putin) as if he was a God.”

She’s given up trying to tell them it was Russian strikes she was fleeing.

## Supplies

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arrive in Ukraine for distribution.

“My heart is broken by what is going on in my family’s homeland,” Humennyj said during a press conference in the warehouse, noting the critical importance of post-birth care to both mothers and children.

Reports and images of Ukrainian civilians fleeing their homes with few possessions, sheltering in underground train stations and walking by foot to safe havens in neighboring countries have struck a chord with residents across Connecticut since Russia’s invasion last month. Members of the state’s Ukrainian-American community rallied recently at the state Capitol, calling for peace and freedom. More recently, the crisis has had economic impacts, with the Hartford treasurer’s office moving to divest the city’s billion-dollar pension fund from Russian-owned assets.

For many Connecticut residents, the unfolding crisis in Ukraine hits close to home.

Darlene Sawczynsyn, a senior analyst of treasury services at Hartford HealthCare, said that her great-grandparents emigrated from Ukraine and Poland and her family settled in New Britain.

“I recall my grandparents, who were first generation, establishing some of the churches that are thriving today and continue to welcome immigrants that come from Eastern European nations,” she said.



Hartford HealthCare supply chain associate Juan Donato inspects medical supplies bound for Ukraine on Tuesday. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

“Growing up, I remember gathering up clothes that we outgrew and packaging up and sending them back to Ukraine.”

Decades later, it was a different kind of donation that Sawczynsyn saw packaged and readied for shipment to her great-grandparents’ land.

Sharon Fried, the vice president of supply chain operations for Hartford HealthCare, said that the first installment of the dona-

tion had been assembled in recent days and that the hospital would work with humanitarian organizations to determine future need for supplies.

Separately, Hartford HealthCare employees had raised roughly \$38,000 to support humanitarian work in Ukraine through the global nonprofit Americares.

Yale New Haven Health also announced on Tuesday a donation of more than \$1 million in medical supplies

to Ukrainians through the U.S. Cooperative for International Patient Programs.

“Our employees share in the pain of the Ukrainian people and are hoping to do what we can with this donation to reduce some of the immediate suffering,” Christopher O’Connor, president of Yale New Haven Health, said during a virtual press conference.

Roughly two years ago, in the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic, masks,

gloves and other types of medical equipment were in short supply in Connecticut and across the country. But on Tuesday, Hartford HealthCare’s vast supply warehouse, built last year, housed towering boxes of PPE and medical supplies — enough to sustain the health system for about a year.

The warehouse’s robust stockpile, assembled over the course of the pandemic, enabled Hartford HealthCare to now be in a position

to donate needed supplies to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, Flaks noted.

“We can confidently make these donations today, knowing that we can also support our people here in Connecticut,” he said.

U.N. officials are reporting that 2 million people have now fled Ukraine, as Europe’s worst refugee crisis since World War II grows even more severe, according to Associated Press.

## Oil

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offensive.

Biden said the U.S. was acting in consultation with European allies, who are more dependent on Russian energy supplies and who he acknowledged may not be able to join in immediately. The announcement marked the latest Biden attempt at cutting off Russia from much of the global economy and ensuring that the Ukraine invasion is a strategic loss for Putin, even if he manages to seize territory.

“Ukraine will never be a victory for Putin,” Biden said.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in a tweet praised Biden’s action: “Thankful for US

and @POTUS personal leadership in striking in the heart of Putin’s war machine and banning oil, gas and coal from US market. Encourage other countries and leaders to follow.”

The European Union this week will commit to phasing out its reliance on Russia for energy needs as soon as possible, but filling the void without crippling EU economies will likely take some time.

The U.K., which is no longer part of the EU, announced Tuesday that oil and oil products from Russia will be phased out by the end of the year.

Unlike the U.S., which is a major oil and gas producer, Europe relies on imports for 90% of its gas and 97% of its oil products. Russia

supplies 40% of Europe’s gas and a quarter of its oil. The U.S. does not import Russian natural gas.

The issue of oil sanctions has created a conflict for the president between political interests at home and efforts to impose costs on Russia.

Though Russian oil makes up only a small part of U.S. imports, Biden has said he was reluctant to ban it, cutting into supplies here and pushing gasoline prices higher.

Inflation is at a 40-year peak, fueled in large part by gas prices, and that could hurt Biden heading into the November midterm elections.

“Putin’s war is already hurting American families at the gas pump,” Biden said, adding, “I’m going to

do everything I can to minimize Putin’s price hike here at home.”

Gas prices have been rising for weeks due to the conflict and in anticipation of potential sanctions on the Russian energy sector. The average price for a gallon of gas in the U.S. hit a record \$4.17 Tuesday, rising by 10 cents in one day, according to AAA.

Biden said it was understandable that prices were rising, but cautioned the U.S. energy industry against “excessive price increases” and exploiting consumers.

Even before the U.S. ban many Western energy companies, including ExxonMobil and BP, moved to cut ties with the Russia and limit imports.

Shell, which purchased a shipment of Russian oil

this weekend, apologized Tuesday amid international criticism and pledged to halt further purchases of Russian energy supplies. Preliminary data from the U.S. Energy Department shows imports of Russian crude dropped to zero in the last week in February.

In 2021, the U.S. imported 245 million barrels of crude oil and petroleum products from Russia — a one-year increase of 24%, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

“It’s an important step to show Russia that energy is on the table,” said Max Bergmann, a former State Department official who is now a senior fellow at the Democratic-leaning Center for American Progress.

Bergmann said it wasn’t surprising that the U.S. was

able to take this step before European nations, which are more dependent on Russian energy.

“All of this is being done in coordination, even if the steps are not symmetrical,” he said. “We are talking to them constantly.”

The White House said the ban on new purchases was effective immediately but the administration was allowing a 45-day “wind down” for continued delivery under existing contracts.

The White House announcement comes amid bipartisan pressure on Capitol Hill to ban Russian energy and impose other economic costs.

Last week, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi gave a big boost when she declared, “Ban it.”



WAR IN UKRAINE

‘Catastrophic situation’ grips city

Shelling disrupts effort to evacuate encircled Mariupol

By Mstyslav Chernov and Yuras Karmanau Associated Press

MARIUPOL, Ukraine — An attempt to evacuate civilians from the besieged port of Mariupol was thrown into jeopardy by continued fighting Tuesday as conditions grew more desperate inside the city of 430,000, with corpses in the streets and hungry residents breaking into stores for food.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon rejected Poland’s offer to give the United States its MiG-29 fighter jets for use by Ukraine, in a rare public display of disharmony by NATO allies seeking to boost Ukrainian fighters while avoiding getting caught up in a wider war with Russia.

Pentagon spokesman John Kirby said Poland’s proposal earlier Tuesday to deliver the jets to the U.S. Ramstein Air Base in Germany raised the concerning prospect of jets departing from a U.S. and NATO base to fly into airspace contested with Russia in the Ukraine war.

Ukrainian officials said renewed Russian shelling and other risks endangered the effort to relieve an encircled Mariupol, where the sound of artillery fire was relentless and where thousands crammed into basements. Many were forced to get their water from streams or by melting snow.

Mariupol, said Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk, is in a “catastrophic situation.”



People who were able to flee the city of Irpin await medical attention Tuesday near Kyiv. LYNSEY ADDARIO/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Europe’s worst refugee crisis since World War II became even more severe, with U.N. officials reporting that 2 million people have now fled Ukraine.

Moscow’s forces have laid siege to Ukrainian cities and cut off food, water, heat and medicine in an escalating humanitarian disaster. But for days, attempts to create corridors to safely evacuate civilians have stumbled amid continuing fighting and objections to the proposed routes.

The Russian military has denied firing on convoys and said the Ukrainian side is blocking evacuation efforts.

One evacuation attempt Tuesday did appear at least partially successful: A convoy of buses packed with people fleeing the fighting moved along a snowy road from Sumy, a northeastern city of a quarter-million people, according to video from the Ukrainian communications agency.

The Russian military said 723 people were evacuated from Sumy to the Ukrainian city of Poltava. It identified them as mostly citizens of India, with the rest from China, Jordan and Tunisia. It made no mention of any Ukrainians among those evacuated.

Hours before the convoy reached Sumy, overnight strikes killed 21 people there, including two children, Ukrainian authorities said.

Ukrainian officials also said a safe corridor had been opened from the embattled town of Irpin, outside Kyiv, but it was not clear for how long it remained open and how many people used it.

Meanwhile, buses emblazoned with red cross symbols carried water, medicine and food toward Mariupol, scene of some of the worst desperation.

But soon after officials announced that buses were on their way, Ukrainian

authorities said they had learned of shelling on the escape route.

It was unclear whether the supply convoy made it to Mariupol. And it appeared unlikely that civilians would be able to board the buses to get out.

The deputy mayor of Mariupol told the BBC that Russian forces continued to pound areas where people were trying to gather ahead of being taken out. He said some roads were blocked, while others were mined.

U.S. defense officials said Mariupol had been isolated but not yet taken by the Russians, amid stiff resis-

tance from Ukrainian forces.

The capture of Mariupol could allow Moscow to establish a land corridor to Crimea, which Russia seized from Ukraine in 2014. More broadly, the battle appeared to be part of a campaign by the Kremlin to cut off Ukraine’s access to the sea.

The city is without water, heat, working sewage systems or phone service.

With the electricity out, many people are relying on their car radios for information, picking up news from stations broadcast from areas controlled by Russian forces or Russian-backed separatists.

Theft has become widespread for food, clothes, even furniture, with locals referring to the practice as “getting a discount.”

Nearly two weeks into the fighting, Russian forces have captured a swath of southern and coastal Ukraine. But they have seen their advances stopped in many areas including around Kyiv, the capital, by Ukrainian fighters targeting Moscow’s armored columns.

Late Tuesday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy released a video showing him standing near the presidential offices in Kyiv. Behind him were piles of sandbags, a snow-dusted fir tree and a few cars.

It was the second video in 24 hours showing him near the country’s seat of power, apparently made to dispel any doubts about whether he had fled the city.

“Snow fell. It’s that kind of springtime,” he said in a soft voice. “You see, it’s that kind of wartime, that kind of springtime. Harsh. But we will win.”

US: Russia underrated resistance from Ukraine

House testimony offers insight into Putin’s thinking

By Nomaan Merchant and Eric Tucker Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States believes Russia underestimated the strength of Ukraine’s resistance before launching an invasion that has likely caused thousands of Russian casualties, the Biden administration’s top intelligence official told lawmakers Tuesday.

The testimony, in a hearing before the House Intelligence Committee, amounted to the first public assessment of the 2-week-old war by the nation’s senior intelligence officials, who offered their insights into the thinking and motives of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The officials made clear that Russia’s assault has been slowed by unexpected resistance by Ukrainian defenders and that it was now uncertain if Putin would proceed with a “maximalist” strategy to try to capture all of Ukraine or would settle for something short of that. Either way, they said they believed he was determined

to press his invasion forward despite mounting casualties, global sanctions and efforts by Western nations to isolate the Kremlin.

“We assess Putin feels aggrieved the West does not give him proper deference and perceives this as a war he cannot afford to lose,” Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines said. “But what he might be willing to accept as a victory may change over time given the significant costs he is incurring.”

The U.S. officials who testified Tuesday noted that the invasion has played out largely as they had forecast, in contrast to Putin’s own overly rosy assessments. U.S. officials, for instance, assess that Putin had banked on being able to seize the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, within the first two days of the campaign but he has yet to be able to fully encircle the city, CIA Director William Burns said.

“He was confident that he had modernized his military and they were capable of quick, decisive victory at minimum cost. He’s been proven wrong on every count,” said Burns, a longtime Russia expert and former ambassador to Moscow.

Asked at one point by Rep.

Raja Krishnamoorthi, D-Ill., whether he considered Putin to be “crazy,” Burns replied that he considered the Russian leader to be increasingly insulated and hardened in his views.

Russian troops killed in the invasion probably number 2,000 to 4,000, said Lt. Gen. Scott Berrier, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, though he noted that assessment was made with “low confidence.”

Even so, Moscow’s forces have managed to lay siege to Ukrainian cities and cut off food, water, heat and medicine, with continued shelling throwing into jeopardy attempts to evacuate civilians from the bombarded port of Mariupol, a city of 430,000.

Asked about efforts to cut off food and water to Kyiv, Berrier said he could not say how many days of supplies the city had but that the situation could become “somewhat desperate” in 10 days to two weeks.

A dissection of the Russian military’s performance so far, compiled from interviews by The New York Times with two dozen U.S., NATO and Ukrainian officials, paints a portrait of young, inexperienced conscripted soldiers who have not been empowered



Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines, right, told a House Intelligence Committee hearing Tuesday that Russian President Vladimir Putin feels aggrieved. ANNA MONEYMAKER/GETTY

to make on-the-spot decisions, and a noncommissioned officer corps that isn’t allowed to make decisions either.

Russia’s military leadership, with Gen. Valery Gerasimov at the top, is far too centralized; lieutenants must ask him for permission even on small matters, said the officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss operational matters.

In addition, the Russian senior officers have proved so far to be risk-averse, the officials said.

Their caution partly explains why they still don’t have air superiority over all of Ukraine, for example, U.S. officials said. Faced with bad weather in northern Ukraine, Russian officers grounded some Russian attack planes and helicopters, and forced others to fly at lower altitudes, making them more vulnerable to Ukrainian ground fire, a senior Pentagon official said.

Russian soldiers have also been plagued by poor morale as well as fuel and food shortages. Some troops have crossed the border

with meals ready to eat that expired in 2002, U.S. and other Western officials said, and others have surrendered and sabotaged their vehicles to avoid fighting.

“The Kremlin spent the last 20 years trying to modernize its military,” said Andrei Kozyrev, the foreign minister for Russia under Boris Yeltsin, in a post on Twitter. “Much of that budget was stolen and spent on mega-yachts in Cyprus. But as a military adviser you cannot report that to the President. So they reported lies to him instead.”



Ukraine’s Volodymyr Zelenskyy is displayed on a screen as he addresses British lawmakers Tuesday in the House of Commons in London. JESSICA TAYLOR/UK PARLIAMENT

Zelenskyy echoes Churchill in UK video speech

By Jill Lawless Associated Press

LONDON — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy evoked wartime British leader Winston Churchill on Tuesday as he told the U.K. Parliament that Ukrainians would fight Russian invaders to the end in the country’s forests, fields and streets.

Zelenskyy told British lawmakers “we will not give up and we will not lose,” in a speech that evoked the

stirring “never surrender” speech delivered by Churchill in 1940 during the darkest days of World War II.

“We will fight till the end at sea, in the air. We will continue fighting for our land, whatever the cost,” he said. “We will fight in the forests, in the fields, on the shores, in the streets” and even on the banks of rivers.

Churchill’s speech vowed to fight Nazi troops “on the beaches ... in the landing grounds ... in the fields and in the streets.”

Zelenskyy, speaking by video from Ukraine, thanked Britain for its support, which includes humanitarian aid and defensive weapons. He urged the U.K. to increase sanctions on Russia, to recognize Russia as “a terrorist country” and to keep Ukraine’s skies safe. He has pleaded with NATO leaders to enforce a no-fly zone over Ukraine, but they have resisted, saying that could lead to a direct confrontation with Russia.

Zelenskyy evoked another

British hero, William Shakespeare, quoting “Hamlet” when he said “the question for us now is ‘to be or not to be.’”

“I can give you a definitive answer. It’s definitely yes — to be,” he said.

Tuesday’s address was the first time a foreign leader was allowed to address Britain’s House of Commons. Applause is usually barred in the Commons, but lawmakers gave Zelenskyy standing ovations before and after his speech.



WORLD & NATION

Texas man convicted on all counts in 1st Capitol riot trial

By Michael Kunzelman and Colleen Long  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Texas man was convicted Tuesday of storming the U.S. Capitol with a holstered handgun, a milestone victory for federal prosecutors in the first trial among hundreds of cases arising from last year's riot.

A jury also convicted Guy Wesley Reffitt of obstructing Congress' joint session to certify the Electoral College vote on Jan. 6, 2021, of interfering with police officers who were guarding the Capitol and of threatening his two teenage children if they reported him to law enforcement after the attack. Jurors deliberated about three hours and convicted him on all counts.

The verdict could be a bellwether for many other Capitol riot cases. It could give Justice Department prosecutors more leverage in plea negotiations and discourage other defendants from gambling on trials of their own.

Gregg Sofer, a former federal prosecutor who served as U.S. attorney for the Western District of Texas from October 2020 to February 2021, said before Reffitt's trial started that it would be "the canary in the coal mine."

"If you're a defendant awaiting trial at this point, the canary just died," said Sofer, now a partner at the law firm Husch Blackwell. "I do think it is likely to affect people's perceptions about the likelihood of their success."

Reffitt, 49, of Wylie, Texas, didn't testify at his trial, which started March 2. He showed little visible reaction to the verdict, but his face was covered by a mask.

Outside court, his wife, Nicole, said the verdict was "against all American people. If you're going to be convicted on your First



Nicole Reffitt talks to the media outside federal court in Washington after her husband's conviction. She said the verdict was "against all American people." SUSAN WALSH/AP

Amendment rights, all Americans should be wary. This fight has just begun."

During the trial's closing arguments Monday, Assistant U.S. Attorney Risa Berkower told jurors that Reffitt drove to Washington intending to stop Congress from certifying President Joe Biden's electoral victory. Reffitt proudly "lit the fire" that allowed others in a mob to overwhelm Capitol police officers near the Senate doors, the prosecutor said.

Reffitt was not accused of entering the Capitol building. Defense attorney William Welch said there is no evidence that Reffitt damaged property, used force or physically harmed anybody.

He will be sentenced June 8. He could receive 20 years in prison on the top charge alone, but he's likely to face far less time behind bars. Other rioters have pleaded guilty; the longest sentence so far is five years and three months for Robert Palmer, a Florida man who pleaded guilty to attacking police officers at the Capitol.

The riot resulted in the deaths of five people, including a police officer. More than 100 officers were

injured. Rioters caused over \$1 million in damage to the Capitol.

Meanwhile, a leader of the Proud Boys extremist group was arrested Tuesday on a conspiracy charge for his suspected role in a coordinated attack on the Capitol to stop Congress from certifying Biden's victory.

Henry "Enrique" Tarrio wasn't there when the riot erupted. Police had arrested Tarrio in Washington two days before the riot and charged him with vandalizing a Black Lives Matter banner at a historic Black church during a protest in December 2020. The day before the Capitol was attacked, a judge ordered Tarrio to stay out of Washington.

But Tarrio didn't leave town as he should have, the indictment said. Instead, he met with Oath Keepers founder and leader Stewart Rhodes and others in a parking garage for 30 minutes. "During this encounter, a participant referenced the Capitol," the indictment says.

Tarrio made his initial court appearance via video link to a Miami courtroom Tuesday. His detention hearing was scheduled for Friday.



New studies show many U.S. children as missing early benchmarks in reading skills. Above, a class at a school in Bridgeport, Conn. CHRISTOPHER CAPOZZIELLO/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Studies show 'alarming' lag in US children's reading skills

By Dana Goldstein  
The New York Times

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — The kindergarten crisis of last year, when millions of 5-year-olds spent months outside of classrooms, has become this year's reading emergency.

As the pandemic enters its third year, a cluster of new studies now show that about one-third of children in the youngest grades are missing reading benchmarks, up significantly from before the pandemic.

In Virginia, one study found early reading skills were at a 20-year low this fall, which the researchers described as "alarming."

In the Boston region, 60% of students at some high-poverty schools have been identified as at high risk for reading problems — twice the number of students as before the pandemic, according to Tiffany Hogan, director of the Speech and Language Literacy Lab at the MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston.

Children in every demographic group have been affected, but Black and Hispanic children, as well

as those from low-income families, those with disabilities and those who are not fluent in English, have fallen the furthest behind.

"We're in new territory," Hogan said.

If children do not become competent readers by the end of elementary school, the risks are "pretty dramatic," she added.

Poor readers are more likely to drop out of high school, earn less money as adults and become involved in the criminal justice system.

The literacy crisis didn't start with the pandemic.

In 2019, results on national and international exams showed stagnant or declining American performance in reading, and widening gaps between high and low performers.

Many experts point to a shortage of educators trained in phonics and phonemic awareness — the foundational skills of linking the sounds of spoken English to the letters that appear on the page.

The pandemic has compounded those issues.

Children spent months out of the classroom, where they were supposed to learn

the basics of reading. Many first and second graders returned to classrooms needing to review parts of the kindergarten curriculum. But nearly half of public schools have teaching vacancies, especially in special education and the elementary grades, according to a federal survey conducted in December and January.

At Capital Preparatory Harbor Lower School in Bridgeport, Connecticut, a charter elementary school, about half of first graders did not step foot inside a classroom in kindergarten.

At the beginning of this year, when all students returned to in-person learning, more than twice as many first graders as before the pandemic tested at kindergarten levels or below in their literacy skills, according to the administration.

From the start of the pandemic, when schools shuttered two years ago, math skills were affected, while some early research suggested that students' reading skills were holding steady, perhaps because more parents read with their children at home.

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WORLD & NATION

Masks vanish, but angst reappears

Updated rules are a balancing act for schools, parents

By Philip Marcelo and Dave Collins  
Associated Press

School districts around the country are allowing students into classrooms without masks for the first time in nearly two years, eliminating rules that stirred up intense fights among educators, school boards and parents throughout the pandemic.

New York City became the latest school district to do away with its mask requirement Monday. Philadelphia is lifting its mandate Wednesday, joining Houston and Dallas that made similar moves in the last week. Chicago schools will end their mask mandate next Monday.

A number of a states have followed.

Parents, teachers and principals face a complicated balancing act in navigating the new rules. Some families are thrilled that their children no longer have to wear masks, while others say they're still tentative and urging their kids to keep wearing face coverings for now.

Teachers and principals are caught in the middle.

In Anchorage, Alaska, School Superintendent Deena Bishop says lifting the mandate in the city's nearly 100 public schools last week was a relief after months of acrimony even though there were some bumpy patches.

Bishop says she has been made aware of a handful of comments teachers inadvertently made that "didn't sit well" with students and parents, such as a teacher singling out a young child whose parents decided to keep them wearing a mask and one who had made a student feel guilty about a decision not to wear one.

She said the instances served as "teachable



Children arrive for school Monday in New York. As masks mandates end, teachers are often stuck in the middle. SETH WENIG/AP

moments" to remind staff that "a choice is a choice and that we need to honor that home's choice."

"There was a lot of angst, a lot of battles in the city over wearing masks, not wearing masks," Bishop said. "So I'm glad that we've taken that fight away. All that has just subsided, and now we can go back to focus on learning"

Falling infection rates and new federal health guidance are leading most of the remaining states with statewide school mask requirements to drop the mandates. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently issued new guidelines saying most Americans live in places where healthy people, including students, can safely take a break from wearing masks.

But those hesitant about ending school mask mandates often point to low childhood vaccination rates among American children.

Only about a quarter of children ages 5 to 11 have been fully vaccinated against the coronavirus, and about 58% of children ages 12 to 17 are inoculated, the CDC says.

New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Illinois and Delaware rescinded statewide school mask requirements recently. New Jersey and Rhode Island dropped theirs officially Monday while California, Oregon and Washington have jointly announced they'll drop their statewide mandates effective Saturday.

In many instances, the ultimate decisions are being made at the local school district level.

Officials many large cities, such as Boston, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., have said they'll keep mask rules for now, either until vaccination rates improve among their students or they can work out agreements with teachers unions, which have

been among those most vocal about keeping the mandates in place.

After Chicago schools announced that masks will no longer be required as of next Monday, the city's teachers union vowed to take officials to court, saying the move will violate an agreement reached in January between the union and district to keep the mask rule through the end of the school year.

"Our city is fortunate that the numbers around the COVID-19 pandemic have shifted, with deaths, hospitalizations and positive cases low," the union said in a statement. "But CPS buildings are congregate settings where vaccination rates also remain low, especially in schools with majority Black and Brown students on the South and West sides of the city."

John Bracey, a Latin teacher at Belmont High

School in suburban Boston, says he intends to keep wearing his hospital-grade N-95 respirator through the end of the school year even as his district is expected to lift its mandate next week.

The 41-year-old Bellingham, Mass., resident said he and his wife have also decided to keep his two young school-age children wearing masks this week even though their district has lifted the requirement.

"I have major concerns on so many levels," Bracey said. "It appears to be a decision made to benefit the most privileged and leaves everyone else to their own devices. We're sacrificing the health of immunocompromised students, elderly staff and those of us with young children. I just can't find a public health or moral justification for removing them."

With California set to end its statewide school

mask mandate this week, Kerri DeNies of San Diego is worried for her 5-year-old son, Gregory, who has a rare brain and adrenal gland disease. DeNies said she only allows her son to go to school because of the mask requirement, making for a difficult decision when the coverings become optional in their school district starting April 4.

"We know face masks work to stop the spread," DeNies said. "How is that fair to him and all the other children and teachers who are at higher risk for COVID complications?"

But across the country in Massachusetts, Melissa Bello says her two school-age children gladly removed their masks when their school district in the Boston suburb of Needham made them optional Monday.

She says her 8-year-old son has hearing loss in both ears and has been complaining of having trouble understanding people in school with everyone wearing masks the last two years.

"He's working harder everyday in school and coming home more tired," Bello said. "There's not enough consideration for those kinds of trade-offs in these mask mandates."

Jason Chan, another parent in Needham, said his two school-age children went in Monday still wearing masks — and likely will through the week before the family reassesses.

He believes his children — including a 5-year-old son who has never known schooling without a mask — would be fine wearing them until the end of the school year, if it came down to it.

"Honestly, the kids have been doing better than the parents with the masks," Chan said. "I hear a lot of parents upset, but kids just don't look at it the same way in terms of this civil rights issue. It's like wearing a hat or a sweater for them. They keep it on all day and they're fine."

NEWS BRIEFING

WHO, in reversal, supporting boosters amid omicron spread

From news services

GENEVA — An expert group convened by the World Health Organization said Tuesday it "strongly supports urgent and broad access" to booster doses of COVID-19 vaccine amid the global spread of omicron, capping a reversal of the U.N. agency's repeated insistence last year that boosters weren't necessary for healthy people and contributed to vaccine inequity.

In a statement, WHO said its expert group concluded that immunization with authorized COVID-19 vaccines provide high levels of protection against severe disease and death amid the continuing spread of the hugely contagious omicron variant. WHO eased back on its earlier position in January by saying boosters were recommended once countries had adequate supplies and after protecting their most vulnerable.

It said vaccination, including the use of boosters, was especially important for people at risk of severe disease.

Last year, WHO's director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus called for a moratorium on booster doses while dozens of countries embarked on administering the doses, saying rich countries should immediately donate those vaccines to poor countries instead. WHO scientists said at the time they would continue to evaluate incoming data.

The updated recommendations came from an 18-member advisory group that focuses on the impact of "variants of concern" — the most worrying variants, like omicron — and assesses the vaccines' effectiveness against them.

Numerous scientific studies have proven that booster doses of authorized vaccines

help restore waning immunity and protect against serious COVID-19. Booster programs in rich countries including Britain, Canada and the U.S. have been credited with preventing the surge in omicron infections from spilling over into hospitals and cemeteries.

WHO said it is continuing to monitor the global spread of omicron, including a "stealth" version known as BA.2, which has been documented to have reinfected some people after an initial case of omicron. There's mixed research on whether it causes more severe disease, but vaccines appear just as effective against it.

**UN rights chief to China:** The United Nations' top human rights official said Tuesday that China would allow her to visit the country and examine conditions there, including in the Xinjiang region.

If the visit goes ahead in May, Michelle Bachelet will be the first U.N. high commissioner for human rights in 17 years to visit China, which has faced repeated criticism for its human rights policies.

The visit is not without risk for the high commissioner's reputation.

Bachelet has spoken out effectively against violations in many countries but only timidly against China.

China has long faced criticism for its harsh treatment of dissidents, journalists and activists, but rights groups have said that conditions have sharply deteriorated since President Xi Jinping took power a decade ago.

Beijing has been accused of crimes against humanity in the mass incarceration of Uyghurs and other Muslims in Xinjiang — a set of policies that the U.S. State Department has called genocide — and it has also come under



**Celebrating in Spain:** Women dance during a march Tuesday in Madrid to mark International Women's Day. Along with celebrating the achievements of women, the day is also a call for action to raise awareness about women's equality. At a march in Istanbul, however, at least 38 women were reportedly detained during clashes with riot police. PAUL WHITE/AP

fire for a crackdown in Hong Kong that has essentially stripped the region of its independence from Beijing.

**Venezuela frees American:** The Venezuelan government freed at least one jailed American on Tuesday night as it seeks to improve relations with the Biden administration, which is looking to undercut support for Russia in Latin America.

A nongovernmental group that tracks arbitrary detentions and another person familiar with the matter confirmed the release of Gustavo Cardenas, one of six oil executives jailed for more than four years.

The move follows a week-end visit to Venezuela by senior Biden administration officials, including the top White House official on Latin America and the State Department's top hostage negotiator.

The release came hours after Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro signaled an interest in improving

relations with the U.S. amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine and concerns in the United States over rising gas prices.

**Maxwell trial juror:** A juror told a judge Tuesday that failing to disclose his child abuse history during jury selection at the trial of British socialite Ghislaine Maxwell was one of the biggest mistakes of his life — but an unintentional one.

A U.S. judge questioned the juror extensively as part of an effort to decide whether the revelation about his personal history as a sex abuse survivor will spoil the verdict in the sex trafficking trial.

Lawyers for Maxwell, who was present in the courtroom, say the verdict should be thrown out. Maxwell's lawyers potentially could have objected to the man's presence on the jury on the grounds that he might not be fair to a person accused of a similar crime.

Maxwell, 60, was convicted in late December

of helping financier Jeffrey Epstein sexually abuse multiple teenage girls from 1994 to 2004.

**Iran satellite launch:** Iran's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard said Tuesday it launched a second reconnaissance satellite.

The Guard said the Noor-2 satellite reached a low orbit of 310 miles above the Earth's surface on the Qased satellite carrier, the state-run IRNA news agency reported. It described the Qased, or "Messenger" in Farsi, as a three-phase, mixed-fuel satellite carrier.

Authorities already had begun receiving signals from the satellite as it circles the Earth every 90 minutes, IRNA quoted Iranian Information and Communications Technology Minister Isa Zarepour as saying.

The head of the U.S. Space Command later dismissed the satellite as "a tumbling webcam in space" that wouldn't provide Iran vital intelligence.

**Wisconsin election audit:** Wisconsin's Republican Assembly speaker signed a new contract Tuesday with Michael Gableman, the former state Supreme Court justice he hired to investigate the 2020 election, extending his review through the end of April.

The extension comes after the contract expired Dec. 31 and a week after Gableman delivered a widely panned report that called for the Legislature to take a serious look at decertifying President Joe Biden's win in the battleground state.

It also came as a judge ordered the release of 700 pages of documents under the state's open records law, which he said do not support conclusions made in Gableman's latest report or that there has been much of an investigation at all.

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos said the emphasis going forward is on resolving the pending litigation and supplementing the report submitted last week.



WORLD & NATION

In Russia, many don't believe war being waged

Ukrainians say their kin believe Putin's narrative on Nazis

By Valerie Hopkins  
The New York Times

LVIV, Ukraine — Four days after Russia began dropping artillery shells on Kyiv, Misha Katsiurin, a Ukrainian restaurateur, was wondering why his father, a church custodian living in the Russian city of Nizhny Novgorod, had not called to check on him.

“There is a war, I’m his son, and he just doesn’t call,” Katsiurin, who is 33, said. So, Katsiurin picked up the phone and let his father know that Ukraine was under attack by Russia.

“I’m trying to evacuate my children and my wife — everything is extremely scary,” Katsiurin told him.

He did not get the response he expected. His father, Andrei, did not believe him.

“No, no, no, no stop,” Katsiurin said of his father’s initial response.

“He started to tell me how the things in my country are going,” said Katsiurin, who converted his restaurants into volunteer centers and is temporarily staying near the western Ukrainian city of Ternopil. “He started to yell at me and told me, ‘Look, everything is going like this. They are Nazis.’”

As Ukrainians deal with the devastation of the Russian attacks in their homeland, many are also encountering a confounding and almost surreal backlash from family members in Russia, who refuse to believe that Russian soldiers could bomb innocent people or even that a war is taking place at all.

These relatives have essentially bought into the official Kremlin position: that President Vladimir Putin’s army is conducting a limited “special military operation” with the honorable mission of “de-Nazifying” Ukraine. Putin has



Families scramble across the tracks to get to a train to Lviv, Ukraine, last week from the main station in Kyiv. Tens of thousands of Ukrainians have fled Kyiv, the capital, after Russia invaded Ukraine last month. LYNSEY ADDARIO/THE NEW YORK TIMES

referred to the Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, a native Russian speaker with a Jewish background, as a “drug-addled Nazi” in his attempts to justify the invasion.

Those narratives are emerging amid a wave of disinformation emanating from the Russian state as the Kremlin moves to clamp down on independent news reporting while shaping the messages most Russians are receiving.

An estimated 11 million people in Russia have Ukrainian relatives. Many Ukrainian citizens are ethnic Russians, and those living in the southern and eastern parts of the country largely speak Russian as their native language.

Russian television channels do not show the bombardment of Kyiv, Ukraine’s capital, and its suburbs, or the devastating attacks on Kharkiv, Mariupol, Chernihiv and other

Ukrainian cities. They also do not show the peaceful resistance in places like Kherson, a major city in the south that Russian troops captured several days ago, and certainly not the protests against the war that have cropped up across Russia.

Instead they focus on the Russian military’s successes, without discussing the casualties among Russian soldiers. Many state television correspondents are embedded in eastern Ukraine and not in the cities being pummeled by missiles and mortars. Recent news reports made no mention of the 40-mile-long Russian convoy on a roadway north of Kyiv.

On Friday, Russia also banned Facebook and Twitter to try to stem uncontrolled information.

All this, Katsiurin said, explains why his father told him: “There are Russian soldiers there helping

people. They give them warm clothes and food.”

Katsiurin is not alone in his frustration. When Valentyna Kremyr wrote to her brother and sister in Russia to tell them that her son had spent days in a bomb shelter in the Kyiv suburb of Bucha because of the intensive fighting there, she was also met with disbelief.

“They believe that everything is calm in Kyiv, that no one is shelling Kyiv,” Kremyr said in a phone interview. She said her siblings think the Russians are striking military infrastructure “with precision, and that’s it.”

Anastasia Belomytseva and her husband, Vladimir, have encountered the same problem. They are residents of Kharkiv, in Ukraine’s north near the Russian border, which has been hit hard by Russian bombs. But they said in an interview that it was easier to explain the invasion to their 7-year-old daughter than to some of

their relatives.

“They totally don’t understand what is happening here; they don’t understand that they just attacked us for no reason,” Belomytseva said. Her grandmother and Belomytsev’s father are in Russia.

Asked whether they believe that an attack is happening, Belomytseva responded “NO!”

Parts of Kharkiv have been reduced to rubble, and its city hall is a burnt-out shell. Belomytseva said she was sending videos of the bombings to her relatives on Instagram, but they just responded with the Kremlin’s oft-repeated claims that the invasion is just a “special military operation” and that no civilians would be targeted.

For Svetlana, a 60-year-old woman living in Cherkasy, the hardest thing to accept is the advice she has received from her sister, who lives in Belarus, and her cousins in Tomsk, Russia: that she and other Ukrainians should not

concern themselves with what is going on.

“It’s not that they don’t believe it is happening, but they think that the high-level politicians should figure it out,” said Svetlana, who was uncomfortable providing her last name.

“I tell them that we are people too, and this has affected us,” she said. “I asked them not to hide their heads in the sand, I asked the mothers to think about not sending their sons to the army. The response was amazing to me. That is, that politicians are to blame for everything.”

Belomytseva said that while her husband was still trying to communicate with his family in Russia, she had cut off most of her relatives there eight years ago, after the annexation of Crimea and the invasion of eastern Ukraine.

But Katsiurin said he could not push his closest family members out of his life.

“They are our relatives, they’re the closest people we have, and this is not about them,” he said. He said he thought about cutting off his father but decided that was the wrong response.

“The easiest thing to do would be to say, ‘OK, now I don’t have a father,’” he said. “But I believe that I need to do this because it is my father.”

He said that if everyone worked to explain the truth to their families, the narrative could change. After a post on Instagram complaining about his father’s disbelief went viral, he launched a website, papapover.com, which means “Papa, believe,” with instructions for Ukrainians about how to speak to their family members about the war.

“There are 11 million Russians who have relatives in Ukraine,” he said. “With 11 million people, everything can happen — from revolution to at least some resistance.”



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# BUSINESS

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## McDonald's shutting all 850 restaurants in Russia

Starbucks, Coca-Cola, General Electric also say they'll pause operations there

By Dee-Ann Durbin  
Associated Press

DETROIT — McDonald's, Starbucks, Coca-Cola and General Electric — ubiquitous global brands and symbols of U.S. corporate might — all announced Tuesday that they were temporarily suspending their business in Russia in response to the country's invasion of Ukraine.

"Our values mean we cannot ignore the needless human suffering unfolding in Ukraine," McDonald's President and CEO Chris Kempczinski said in an open letter to employees.

The Chicago-based burger giant said it will temporarily close 850 stores but continue paying its 62,000 employees in Russia "who have poured their heart and soul into our McDonald's brand."

Kempczinski said it's impossible to know when the company will be able to reopen its stores. "The situation is extraordinarily challenging for a global brand like ours, and there are many considerations," he wrote in the letter.

McDonald's works with hundreds of Russian suppliers, for example, and serves millions of customers each day. McDonald's has also temporarily closed 108 restaurants in Ukraine and continues to pay those employees.

Last Friday, Starbucks had said that it was donating profits from its 130 Russian stores owned and operated by Kuwait-based franchisee Alshaya Group to humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine. But on Tuesday, the company changed course and said it would temporarily close those stores. Alshaya Group will continue to pay Starbucks' 2,000 Russian employees, Starbucks President and CEO Kevin Johnson said in an open letter to employees.

Coca-Cola Co. announced it was suspending its business in Russia, but it offered few details. Coke's partner, Switzerland-based Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Co., owns 10 bottling plants in Russia, which is its largest market. Coke has a 21% stake in Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Co.

General Electric also said in a Twitter post that it was suspending its operations

in Russia. GE said two exceptions would be essential medical equipment and support for existing power services in Russia.

McDonald's is likely to take the biggest financial hit. Unlike Starbucks and other fast food companies, like KFC and Pizza Hut, whose Russian locations are owned by franchisees, McDonald's owns 84% of its Russian stores. McDonald's has also temporarily closed 108 restaurants that it owns in Ukraine and continues to pay those employees.

In a recent regulatory filing, McDonald's said its restaurants in Russia and Ukraine contribute 9% of its annual revenue, or around \$2 billion last year.

Yum Brands, the parent company of KFC and Pizza Hut, said Monday that it is donating all of the profits from its 1,050 restaurants in Russia to humanitarian efforts. It has also suspended new restaurant development in the country. Burger King said it is redirecting profits from its 800 Russian stores to relief efforts and donating \$2 million in food vouchers to Ukrainian refugees.

## Google set to acquire cyber firm for \$5.4B

By Matt Ott  
Associated Press

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Google is fortifying its cloud services with a \$5.4 billion acquisition of the cybersecurity firm Mandiant, the companies announced Tuesday.

The acquisition is the first of many that analysts foresee in the cybersecurity sector following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Analysts and government officials have said they expect a wave of cyberattacks from Russia and others as geopolitical tensions rise.

"In a massive growth backdrop for cybersecurity and further tailwinds seen during this Ukraine invasion from Russia bad actors/nation state attacks, we believe today's deal is the tip of the iceberg to a massive phase of consolidation potentially ahead for the cloud space," Wedbush analyst Dan Ives wrote Tuesday.

Google, a subsidiary of Mountain View, California-based Alphabet Inc., will pay \$23 per Mandiant share in all-cash deal expected to close this year.

The price represents a 57% premium on Mandiant's share price in early February, when speculation about a deal between the companies first surfaced.

Mandiant, based in Reston, Virginia, and its 5,300 employees will join Google Cloud as soon as the transaction closes.

Technology research and advisory firm Gartner estimates that total spending for worldwide information security and risk management reached \$155 billion last year and is forecast to grow another 10% this year, to more than \$170 billion.

Even before the war, stock analysts have been predicting growth of as much as 20% in the cybersecurity sector.

Russia has long been accused of disrupting other governments and businesses via online attacks.

### BUSINESS BRIEFING

## China accused of hacking states

WASHINGTON — Hackers working on behalf of the Chinese government broke into the computer networks of at least six state governments in the United States in the last year, according to a report released Tuesday by a private cybersecurity firm.

The report from Mandiant does not identify the compromised states or offer a motive for the intrusions, which began last May and continued through last month. But the Chinese group believed responsible for the breaches, APT41, is known to launch hacking operations both for old-fashioned espionage purposes and for financial gain.

State agencies remain ripe targets for hackers, even as the U.S. has announced additional steps to safeguard federal government systems from hacking.

## Online university fined \$22 million

SAN DIEGO — A California judge has ordered an online, for-profit university and its former parent company to pay \$22 million in penalties, saying they mislead students about the costs of their education, among other things, the state's attorney general announced Monday.

The San Diego Superior Court ruled in favor of the state of California in its 2017 lawsuit against Ashford University and its then-parent company Zovio, Inc. The University of Arizona has since acquired the university and rebranded the online school, the University of Arizona Global Campus.

A bachelor's degree cost \$40,000 to \$60,000, and only about a quarter of students graduated with many defaulting on their loans, according to court documents.



Linda Navarre, who moved to Sandpoint, Idaho, in 1978, has noticed that "the division gets wider and wider." TED S. WARREN/AP

## Moving to the right place

Idaho town part of a trend: Conservatives seeking space away from liberal hot spots

By Nicholas K. Geranios  
Associated Press

SANDPOINT, Idaho — Linda Navarre moved to Sandpoint, Idaho, from Cleveland in 1978, when the town consisted of people in the timber industry and hippies "and they all got along."

Now she barely recognizes the small resort community near the Canadian border that is quickly growing as people disenchanted with big-city life move there. Many are conservatives fed up with liberal politics in blue states.

"The division gets wider and wider," Navarre said, adding many of the new arrivals are changing the civility of the community. "My concern is there are so many people who are not nice."

Sandpoint is a four-season resort town built along the shores of scenic Lake Pend Oreille. It had 7,300 residents in the 2010 census, but grew 21% in the decade to about 8,900 in the 2020 census.

In addition to the natural beauty, "people come here because it's a red state," said longtime resident Gail Cameron, 67.

To capitalize on that trend, a growing number of real estate companies are advertising themselves to people on the right, saying they can take them out of liberal bastions like Seattle and San Francisco and find them homes in places like rural Idaho. Sandpoint-based Flee The City is a consortium of four businesses that specialize in selling property to conservatives in northern Idaho and western Montana. The company calls itself "a real estate firm for the vigilant."

Flee The City has partnered with a company that provides "sustainable homes design with integrated ballistic and defensive capabilities."

Todd Savage, whose Black Rifle Real Estate firm is part of Flee The City, said in a brief email exchange that his business is booming, thanks to "insane" left-wing politics.

Idaho has been the fastest-growing state in the nation for five years running, growing 2.9% in 2021, mostly from in-migration.

But the influx of people to places like Idaho has made it harder for some longtime residents. People struggle to find housing in Sandpoint, with many houses sold the same day they are listed, after bidding wars, Cameron said.

Carolyn Knaack, associate director of the Lake Pend Oreille Waterkeeper conserva-

tion group, has lived in town for a year.

She said the confluence of the coronavirus pandemic and politics "has created a divisiveness among folks."

"I've been applauded and belittled for wearing a mask," she said.

Savage was asked if it was desirable for people to segregate themselves by political ideology.

"I don't agree with the term 'segregate,'" he wrote. "Folks simply 'vote with their feet' relating to issues such as crime, taxes, homeschooling, gun laws, mask and vaccine mandates, Orwellian laws and out of control tyranny in the sanctuary states."

Not everyone is a fan of what Savage and conservative Realtors are doing in Sandpoint and elsewhere.

Mayor Shelby Rognstad, a Democrat, worries real estate firms that serve only conservatives "pushes Idaho more and more into a playground for extremism."

Barbara Russell, who lives in nearby Bonners Ferry, Idaho, expressed similar concerns.

Bonners Ferry feels like it's been overrun with white nationalists, said Russell, who owns a dance studio in the town of 2,600 residents.

"What they are doing is preparing for war," Russell said of new arrivals, who often carry guns when in town.

## Biden expected to issue cryptocurrency order

By Fatima Hussein  
and Aamer Madhani  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden is expected to sign an executive order on cryptocurrency this week that will mark the first step toward regulating how digital currency is traded.

The move comes as administration officials have raised concerns in recent weeks about Russia's use of cryptocurrency to evade crushing sanctions in response to its invasion of Ukraine.

The sanctions have sent the ruble to historic lows and have closed the country's stock market.

Two people familiar with the process

said the executive order on cryptocurrency was expected to be issued this week and it had been in the works long before the war. Both people spoke on condition of anonymity to preview the order.

The order is expected to describe what government agencies, including the Treasury Department, need to do to develop policies and regulations on digital currencies. It is expected to include a request for the State Department to ensure that American cryptocurrency laws are aligned with those of U.S. allies and will ask the Financial Stability Oversight Council — which monitors the stability of the U.S. financial system — to study illicit finance concerns.

Additionally, the order will explore the possibility of a new central bank digital

currency.

The Federal Reserve issued a paper on the topic in January that explores the risks and benefits of U.S.-backed digital currency.

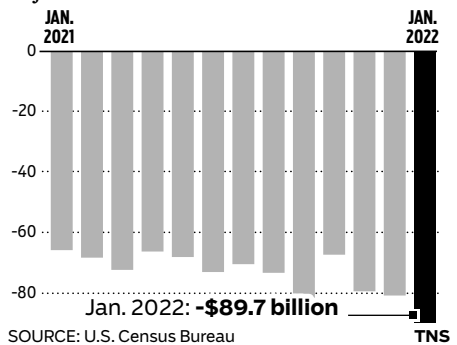
Implicit in the order will be that cryptocurrency will remain a part of the U.S. economy for years to come.

While U.S. officials have played down the significance of cryptocurrency to Russia's ability to evade sanctions, it remains a concern.

"We will continue to look at how the sanctions work and evaluate whether or not there are liquid leakages and we have the possibility to address them. I often hear cryptocurrency mentioned and that is a channel to be watched," Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said last week.

## Trade deficit

U.S. exports minus imports, in billions, by month, seasonally adjusted:



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau

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BUSINESS

Banks say widespread fraud on Zelle not their problem

By Stacy Cowley  
and Lananh Nguyen  
The New York Times

Justin Faunce lost \$500 to a scammer impersonating a Wells Fargo official in January and hoped that the bank would reimburse him.

Faunce was a longtime Wells Fargo customer and had immediately reported the scam — involving Zelle, the popular money transfer app.

But Wells Fargo said the transaction wasn’t fraudulent because Faunce had authorized it — even though he had been tricked into transferring the money.

Faunce was shocked. “It was clearly fraud,” he said. “This wasn’t my fault, so why isn’t the bank doing the right thing here?”

Consumers love payment apps like Zelle because they’re free, fast and convenient.

Created in 2017 by America’s largest banks to enable instant digital money transfers, Zelle comes embedded in banking apps and is now by far the country’s most widely used money transfer service.

Last year, people sent \$490 billion through Zelle, compared with \$230 billion through Venmo, its closest rival.

Zelle’s immediacy has also made it a favorite of fraudsters.

Other types of bank transfers or transactions involving payment cards typically take at least a day to clear.

But once crooks scare or trick victims into handing over money via Zelle, they can siphon away thousands of dollars in seconds. There’s no way for customers — and in many cases, the banks themselves — to retrieve the money.

Nearly 18 million Americans were defrauded through scams involving digital wallets and person-to-person payment apps in 2020, according to Javelin Strategy & Research, an industry consultant.



Justin Faunce lost \$500 to a scammer in January. CARLOS BERNATE/THE NEW YORK TIMES

“Organized crime is rampant,” said John Buzzard, Javelin’s lead fraud analyst. “A couple years ago, we were just starting to talk about it” on apps like Zelle and Venmo, Buzzard said. “Now, it’s common and everywhere.”

The banks are aware of widespread fraud on Zelle.

When Faunce called Wells Fargo to report the crime, the customer service representative told him “a lot of people are getting scammed on Zelle this way.”

Getting ripped off for \$500 was “actually really good,” Faunce said the rep told him, because “many people were getting hit for thousands of dollars.”

Wells Fargo later sent him a note saying it did not consider his loss to be a fraudulent one.

It’s not clear who is legally liable for such losses.

Banks say that returning money to defrauded

customers is not their responsibility, since the federal law covering electronic transfers — known in the industry as Regulation E — requires them to cover only “unauthorized” transactions, and the fairly common scam that Faunce fell prey to tricks people into making the transfers themselves. Victims say because they were duped into sending the money, the transaction is unauthorized.

Regulatory guidance has been murky.

When swindled customers, already upset to find themselves on the hook, search for other means of redress, many are enraged to find out that Zelle is owned and operated by banks.

“It’s like the banks have colluded with the sleazebags on the street to be able to steal,” said Bruce Barth, another victim. In late 2020, Barth was hospitalized with COVID-19, and

his phone disappeared from his hospital room. A thief got access to his digital wallet and ran up charges on his credit card, took out cash at an ATM and used Zelle to make three transfers totaling \$2,500.

All three accounts were at Bank of America, of which Barth has been a customer for more than 30 years. When he filed fraud reports, the bank quickly refunded his cash and credit card losses. But it denied his claims for the Zelle thefts, saying the transactions were validated by authentication codes sent to a phone that had been previously used for that account. Bank of America was essentially saying that the Zelle transactions were authorized — even if his phone was stolen.

Barth was livid. “I filed grievances with every agency I could get my hands on, locally and nationally,” he said. “Every response I

got was useless.”

After The New York Times contacted Bank of America about Barth’s case, it refunded him. Bill Halldin, a bank spokesperson, said the decision was “based on new information” provided in late February.

The Zelle network is operated by Early Warning Services, a company created and owned by seven banks: Bank of America, Capital One, JPMorgan Chase, PNC, Truist, U.S. Bank and Wells Fargo. Early Warning, based in Scottsdale, Arizona, manages the system’s technical infrastructure.

But the 1,425 banks and credit unions that use Zelle can customize the app and add their own security settings.

Peter Tapling, a former executive at Early Warning who is now a payments consultant, said banks haven’t done enough to educate customers about

the risks of Zelle.

He suggested that customers treat Zelle as they would cash.

“Don’t hit the button to send this money unless you would hand this person \$100 and walk away because the moment you send it, it’s gone,” he said.

It’s hard to tell how much fraud takes place through Zelle because banks aren’t required to publicly report their losses. Banks say they take fraud seriously and are constantly making adjustments to improve security.

But police reports and dispatches from industry analysts make it clear that the network has become a preferred tool for grifters like romance scammers, cryptocurrency con artists and those who prowl social media sites advertising concert tickets and purebred puppies — only to disappear with buyers’ cash after they pay.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau issued detailed guidance to banks last year about what kinds of fraudulent losses they’re required to repay. The regulator requires banks to reimburse customers for losses on transfers that were “initiated by a person other than the consumer without actual authority to initiate the transfer,” including those who obtain a victim’s device through fraud or robbery.

That guidance set off alarm bells among banks, said Deborah Baxley, a partner at PayGility Advisors, a consulting firm that specializes in the payments market. Until then, “the banks’ point of view was pretty much ‘sorry customer, it’s on you,’” she said.

Still, the consumer agency doesn’t address who is responsible for a fraudulently induced transfer if the customer physically hits the buttons.

“The CFPB is aware of the problem and considering how best to address it,” said Tia Elbaum, an agency spokesperson.

MARKET RUNDOWN

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

📉 DOW

32,632.64 -184.74

📈 10-YR T-BOND

1.86% +0.8

📈 GOLD

\$2,040.10 +46.20

34,200

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32,240

10 DAYS

Dow Jones Industrials

Close: 32,632.64

Change: -184.74 (-0.6%)

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Domestic Indexes

	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD
DOW Indus.	32,632.64	-184.74	-10.20%
DOW Trans.	14,736.60	-56.36	-10.57%
DOW Util.	979.67	-16.73	-1.1%
NYSE Comp.	15,625.93	-82.30	-8.96%
Nasdaq Comp.	12,795.55	-35.41	-18.21%
S&P 500	4,170.70	-30.39	-12.49%
S&P 400	2,526.22	+9.04	-11.11%
Wilshire 5000	41,989.43	-198.79	-13.35%
Russell 2000	1,963.01	+11.68	-12.57%

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	123.70	119.40	+64.47%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	4.53	4.83	+21.37%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	3.68	3.57	+65.26%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	2,040.10	1,993.90	+11.63%
Silver (oz)	26.89	25.71	+15.26%

Foreign Exchange

	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx
Britain	1.3108	.7629
Canada	.7758	1.2890
China	.1583	6.3187
Euro	1.0907	.9168
Japan	.008640	115.74
Mexico	.046889	21.3272

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV. WK.
Prime rate	3.25	3.25
3-mo. T-Bill	0.37	0.33
6-mo. T-Bill	0.71	0.67
5-yr T-Note	1.80	1.74
10-yr T-Note	1.86	1.86
30-yr T-Bond	2.24	2.24

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	12,831.51	-3.14	-.02%	-19.22%
London	6,964.11	+4.63	+0.7%	-5.69%
Hong Kong	20,765.87	-291.76	-1.39%	-11.25%
Nikkei	24,790.95	-430.46	-1.71%	-13.90%

Stocks of Local Interest				
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	
AT&T Inc (T)	23.00	-.57	-6.5	
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	105.53	+2.58	-26.7	
American Airlines Gp (AAL)	13.51	+.67	-24.8	
Amphenol Corp (APH)	72.54	-.28	-17.1	
Apple Inc (AAPL)	157.44	-1.86	-11.3	
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	45.32	-.35	-9.1	
Bank of America (BAC)	38.59	+.25	-13.3	
Barnes Group (B)	42.31	+.08	-9.2	
Barrick Gold (GOLD)	25.36	+.50	+33.5	
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	1899.53	+82.37	-20.8	
Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)	67.74	-1.03	+8.6	
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	102.36	-2.20	-.8	
Carnival Corp (CCL)	15.88	+.35	-21.1	
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	43.58	+.06	-19.7	
Charter Communic (CHTR)	551.43	-4.21	-15.4	
Chevron Corp (CVX)	170.53	+8.49	+45.3	
Cigna Corp (CI)	229.10	-7.63	-.2	
Citigroup (C)	54.87	-.68	-9.1	
Clover Hlth Inv (CLOV)	2.99	+.39	-19.6	
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	46.13	-.17	-8.3	
Disney (DIS)	131.75	-1.75	-14.9	
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	112.37	+.16	-11.8	
Energy Transfer L.P. (ET)	10.42	+.08	+26.6	
Ethan Allen (ETD)	25.12	+.62	-4.5	
Eversource Energy (ES)	85.09	-1.57	-6.5	
Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)	87.78	+.66	+43.5	
Ford Motor (F)	16.03	+.06	-22.8	
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	6.31	+.39	+21.3	
Gen Dynamics (GD)	235.31	-11.98	+12.9	
Gen Electric (GE)	88.15	+2.77	-6.7	
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	65.92	+.54	-4.5	
Honeywell Intl (HON)	183.24	+1.08	-12.1	
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	14.72	+.05	-7.5	
Hycroft Mining Holdg (HYMC)	1.00	+.67	+62.9	
Imperial Petroleum (IMPP)	4.25	-3.25	+98.6	
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	23.33	+.75	-7.8	
Intel Corp (INTC)	47.50	-.18	-7.8	
Kaman (KAMN)	41.56	-.94	-3.7	
Keycorp (KEY)	22.40	+.28	-3.2	
Kinross Gold (KGC)	5.60	+.13	-3.6	
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	59.42	+1.25	-13.0	
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	37.63	+.15	-16.2	
Mandiant Inc (MNDT)	22.04	-.45	+25.7	
Marathon Oil (MRO)	24.09	-.24	+46.7	
MetLife Inc (MET)	61.96	-.01	-.8	

STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	
Microsoft Corp (MSFT)	275.85	-3.06	-18.0	
Mullen Automotive (MULN)	1.24	+.18	-76.3	
Nthn Dynasty Min (NAK)	.45	+.05	+38.0	
Novartis AG (NVS)	80.11	-.07	-8.4	
Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	215.14	+1.62	-26.9	
Occid Petl (OXY)	54.60	-.78	+88.3	
OceanPal Inc (OP)	1.11	-.15	-45.3	
Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	73.50	-.80	-15.6	
Palantir Technol (PLTR)	11.04	-.07	-39.4	
Peoples Utd Fncl (PBCT)	19.80	-.27	+11.1	
Pfizer Inc (PFE)	47.44	-.54	-19.7	
Pitney Bowes (PBI)	4.85	+.10	-26.8	
Prudential Fncl (PRU)	103.70	+1.65	-4.2	
Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	66.68	-1.03	-.1	
Raytheon Technology (RTX)	94.85	-3.34	+10.2	
Rogers Corp (ROG)	272.80	-.53	-.1	
SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	72.29	+.40	-11.8	
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc (SIRI)	6.38	...	+.5	
SoFi Technologies (SOFI)	9.72	+.10	-38.5	
Sthwstn Energy (SWN)	5.60	+.06	+20.2	
Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	149.09	-3.47	-21.0	
Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	22.58	+.18	-7.1	
Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.48	+.01	-16.4	
Terex Corp (TEX)	35.83	+.90	-18.5	
TMC the metals Co (TMC)	2.20	+.55	+5.8	
Tonix Pharma (TNXP)	.23	+.03	-36.9	
Transocean Ltd (RIG)	5.02	+.07	+81.9	
Travelers Cos (TRV)	168.45	-1.34	+7.7	
U.S. Well Services (USWS)	1.75	...	+52.2	
Uber Technologies (UBER)	30.74	+2.17	-26.7	
United Rentals (URI)	310.68	+12.44	-6.5	
US Energy Corp Wyo (USEG)	7.36	+1.04	+125.1	
UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	473.46	-13.41	-5.7	
Virtus Invest (VRTS)	206.05	-.68	-30.6	
Voya Financial (VOYA)	61.04	+.22	-7.9	
Webster Financial (WFS)	52.47	+.28	-6.0	
Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)	46.46	+.65	-3.2	
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# OPINION

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## To stop nuclear war, let's look at 1983



**Ross Douthat**

United States. During one of his shifts, the alarms went off: The Americans had seemingly launched five Minuteman intercontinental ballistic missiles.

This was at a peak of Cold War tension, weeks after the USSR shot down a Korean airliner that strayed into Soviet airspace. With only minutes until the missiles were predicted to hit their targets, Petrov had to decide whether to report the attack up the chain of command, potentially triggering a swift retaliatory strike.

Following both intuition and the assumption that a real first strike would feature more than five missiles, he decided to report the alert as a malfunction. Which it was: The satellite had misread sunlight reflecting off clouds as a missile launch.

Petrov died in in 2017, but there are two reasons to reflect on his choices now, as the West tries to respond to Russia's Ukrainian

invasion with the Russian nuclear arsenal in the background.

The first is to be reminded how fortunate the world was to escape a nuclear exchange during the Cold War, when near-misses happened not just during moments of maximal brinkmanship like the Cuban missile crisis but also through randomness, coincidence and error.

But it's worth considering exactly what made Petrov's position so excruciating: He had to decide whether to escalate toward Armageddon in a situation where not to escalate threatened his entire society with defeat. And then also to consider how he found a way out of his predicament: through the fact that five missiles was not actually a defeating blow.

His specific experience vindicates a general doctrine for confrontations between nuclear-armed powers: It's often better to constrain yourself than to limit your enemy's choices, pushing them toward a doom-laden decision between escalation and defeat.

Clear commitments are the coin of the nuclear realm, since the goal is to give the enemy the responsibility for escalation, to make it feel its apocalyptic weight,

while also feeling that it can always choose another path. Whereas unpredictable escalations and maximalist objectives, often useful in conventional wars, are the enemy of nuclear peace, insofar as they threaten the enemy with the no-win scenario that Petrov almost found himself in.

These insights have several implications for our strategy right now. First, they suggest that even if you believe the United States should have extended security guarantees to Ukraine before the Russian invasion, now that war is begun we must stick by the lines we drew in advance. That means yes to defending any NATO ally, yes to supporting Ukraine with sanctions and weaponry and no to a no-fly zone or any measure that might obligate us to fire the first shot against the Russians.

Second, they mean it's dangerous for U.S. officials to talk about regime change in Moscow — in the style of the reckless Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who has called on a "Brutus" or "Stauffenberg" to rid the world of Russian President Vladimir Putin. If you make your nuclear-armed enemy believe your strategy requires the end of their regime (or life), you are pushing them, again, toward the no-choice zone.

Third, they imply that the odds of nuclear war might be higher today than in the Soviet era, because Russia is much weaker. The Soviet Union simply had more ground to give up in a conventional war before defeat appeared existential than does Putin's smaller empire — which may be a reason why current Russian strategy increasingly prioritizes tactical nuclear weapons in the event of a conventional retreat.

But if that makes our situation more dangerous, it also should give us confidence that we don't need to take wild nuclear risks to defeat Putin in the long run. The voices arguing for escalating now because we'll have to fight him sooner or later need to recognize that containment, proxy wars and careful line-drawing defeated a Soviet adversary whose armies threatened to sweep across West Germany and France.

To escalate now against a weaker adversary, one less likely to ultimately defeat us and more likely to engage in atomic recklessness if cornered, would be folly.

*Douthat is a columnist for The New York Times.*

## Ukraine and cost of GOP dissent

**By Jonathan Bernstein**  
Bloomberg Opinion

One of the lessons for U.S. politics of Russia's invasion of Ukraine is that it points out the risks for the out-party of pure rejectionism — simply opposing whatever the party in power says and does.

Opposing the in-party is often a healthy instinct. Democratic governments benefit when the opposition promotes policy alternatives. And there's scant electoral risk in disagreeing with many of even the most popular ideas a president proposes; few voters, especially swing voters, are so attentive to policy questions that they would otherwise vote for challengers except that those challengers disagreed with them on something. It usually works the other way around: People decide who they'll vote for first, and then adopt policy positions to match their vote.

It's also true that when the out-party supports a president's policies, those positions will tend to become popular. And that might, at least on the margins, make the president more popular. In most cases, then, there's something to be said for automatically coming out against anything the president says or does.

And yet ...

Rejectionism isn't likely to produce big electoral effects. Most voters simply vote with their party, after all. And the rest? Big-picture outcomes, such as economic slumps, unsuccessful foreign wars, major scandals and events like the COVID-19 pandemic are more likely to matter at the ballot box than whether the president supports marginally more popular policies or not, or even whether those policies have passed into law. That also means that the out-party isn't likely to get clobbered in the next election because it opposes the president's policies.



Jonathan Bernstein: The GOP opposing everything President Biden backed likely factored into the party's stance on Ukraine. WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY

Still, at the extremes it's probably politically wise to stay away from really unpopular ideas. And since the president has the biggest megaphone, there's always the chance that something like skepticism about measures to blunt Russian aggression will suddenly become extremely unpopular.

Then we get to the effects beyond elections, and this is where it really matters. One that's more important than people might think is that politicians don't like appearing foolish. Opposing everything President Joe Biden supported probably was a factor in pushing many Republicans to scorn Ukraine and praise Russia. Republicans who embraced those positions in the last year are now scurrying back to safer territory (with perhaps some exceptions).

Even if the party collectively might think that the best way to keep Biden's approval ratings down is to insult everything he says and does, at some point many individual politicians really do find it untenable to oppose, for example, a president who is standing with Ukraine while it's being

invaded. And if some high-profile party actors start agreeing with much of what the president says (even while criticizing some details of what he's doing), suddenly the ones afraid to be left out in the cold are the ones still employing the old talking points. Result: More scurrying.

Professional politicians are skilled at dumping old positions and adopting new ones when times change, but they really don't like to have ugly clips played back to them on TV along with the questions about flip-flopping that journalists love to ask. Handled badly, this kind of thing can hurt a politician's reputation, which isn't likely to cost anyone a current office but could make it harder to move up nationally.

The other big reason for avoiding knee-jerk rejectionism is that it takes opposition politicians out of the policy loop. There's a fine line here. Agree with everything the incumbent says and does, and the opposition might as well not show up. But automatic, mindless disagreement is empty. Especially in the U.S. system, with relatively weak parties and large numbers

of veto and initiation points, it's possible for out-party politicians to contribute to governing.

And even if their ideas are defeated when their party is out of the White House and has no majorities in Congress, developing those ideas in opposition can mean adoption and implementation when elections go their way.

That's the opportunity squandered by pure rejectionism. And just as politicians don't like looking stupid in public, many of them — certainly not all, but quite a few — are interested in making public policy. Sometimes that's because they see it as a key to other goals (such as raising campaign money, gaining national publicity or winning higher office). But sometimes it's a major reason they got involved in politics in the first place. And all of that is good reason to reject rejectionism for the better choice of being the responsible opposition.

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## Aiding an insurgency in Ukraine would be painful and costly

**By Hal Brands**  
Bloomberg Opinion

Suppose Russia succeeds in toppling the Ukrainian government or seizing much of the country. Moscow's slow start notwithstanding, this could well happen: The balance of combat power is likely to favor Russian President Vladimir Putin as the war rolls on. So what happens then?

One option being debated in Western policy circles is funneling arms, money and other support to a Ukrainian insurgency. The strategic case is compelling, but no one should kid themselves about the costs. Waging insurgency would be a frightful business for the Ukrainians doing the fighting, and supporting it would require the U.S. and its allies to brace themselves for escalation.

The Western allies would have several reasons to get behind a Ukrainian resistance. Doing so would help keep the idea of a sovereign, independent Ukraine alive, even after a Russian military victory. A foreign-backed insurgency could also keep Putin's legions bogged down.

Not least, insurgency can be a powerful tool to impose costs. Sustained resistance could inflict serious casualties on Russian troops, bleed Moscow's economic resources and fuel dissatisfaction with the war at home.

Perhaps an insurgency could eventually

make an occupation so unprofitable that Russia undertakes a humiliating withdrawal. Even short of that, it would embroil Putin in a draining, persistent conflict.

A parallel is Afghanistan, another case where poorly motivated Russian occupiers lost to determined defenders. "The Soviet soldier whose father fought heroically at Stalingrad does not have a cause in Afghanistan, but his opponent is fighting a holy war," wrote one U.S. intelligence analyst. A ferocious Afghan insurgency, sustained by foreign arms, training and money, eventually broke the Red Army.

But a Ukrainian insurgency wouldn't be a feel-good replay of the film "Charlie Wilson's War." The Afghan war was a nasty affair, which took a heavy human toll on the victors as well as the vanquished. Supporting an insurgency required creating a cross-border sanctuary in Pakistan and then withstanding the Soviet threats — and periodic military raids — that followed.

Moscow, unsurprisingly, didn't take kindly to a concerted effort, sponsored by its foremost enemy, to kill and maim its soldiers. Why would Putin tolerate something similar today?

Consider the practicalities. Weapons and other tangible support would first have to reach Ukraine. That country is progressively losing access to its coastline, so those supplies would have to come overland, from Europe.

This vital land bridge is operational right now, and Western countries are using it to rush in military supplies. If the government falls and an insurgency takes root, Ukrainian fighters would also need bases in Eastern Europe where they can train, equip and recuperate free from Russian military pressure.

But Russia would have every incentive to disrupt such a sanctuary, because history shows that it would be crucial to the fortunes of the insurgency. Moscow could mount military operations in Western Ukraine to interdict supplies and sever the land bridge. It could even strike insurgent bases and staging points in neighboring countries.

If Ukrainian insurgents — or sympathetic freedom fighters from other countries — conducted attacks and then fled into Poland, Romania or Slovakia, Putin might feel justified in following them across the border. Or, perhaps, he might seek counterleverage against his enemies by stirring up trouble in a vulnerable Baltic state.

Would the protection NATO offers to its members discourage Putin from expanding the war into other countries? Maybe. But it doesn't take a vivid imagination to see how an insurgency in Ukraine could lead to a larger confrontation.

The price of bolstering Ukrainian resistance would thus be a far stronger NATO

military posture in Eastern Europe to deter Moscow, as well as explicit guarantees that Washington would support sanctuary states in a crisis. This could create alliance-management challenges: While NATO is united now, it could be a different story if Ukrainian resistance and Russian reprisals created a continual threat of spill-over and escalation.

No one should misunderstand what "supporting an insurgency" means. It means encouraging brave men and women to persist in an uphill fight, one in which Ukrainians would suffer terribly in the hope of eventually making life miserable enough that a ruthless invader goes home.

It would be a high-stakes contest in resolve, pitting Russia's willingness to crush resistance by any means necessary against Ukrainians' willingness to accept death and repression rather than surrender. The initial romance of resistance would quickly give way to an ugly reality.

The consequences of not making Putin pay exorbitantly for his aggression could be uglier still, which is why Washington and its allies should — and probably will — help Ukraine prevent Russia from consolidating any military victory it achieves. But they shouldn't delude themselves about what this would involve.

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Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., and Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Legislative Chamber, Room 314, Town Hall, 50 South Main Street.

Any West Hartford taxpayer or resident may participate and be heard. Complete copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk/Council Clerk, Room 312, Town Hall, in public libraries and on the Town's website at [www.westhartfordct.gov](http://www.westhartfordct.gov) under the Government tab.

Written comments may be submitted to [comment@westhartfordct.gov](mailto:comment@westhartfordct.gov) no later than 4:30 pm on April 6, 2022 in order to be included in the public record. The “subject” of the email shall be “Town Budget” and the body of the email must begin with the interested person(s) full name and street address.

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023				
BUDGET IN BRIEF				
ALL FUNDS				
REVENUES AND OTHER RESOURCES	ACTUAL 2020-2021	ADOPTED 2021-2022	ESTIMATED 2021-2022	PROPOSED 2022-2023
General Fund	\$302,287,189	\$308,442,028	\$309,829,216	\$317,894,171
Blue Back Square Fund	3,430,299	3,646,530	3,762,575	3,673,800
Community Development Block Grant Fund	911,035	744,778	779,760	832,692
CDBG – Housing Rehabilitation Fund	154,682	200,000	200,000	200,000
State Housing & Community Development Fund				
Westmoor Park Fund	733,771	771,295	733,655	772,180
Leisure Services Fund	3,036,049	4,650,100	4,100,550	4,812,755
Private School Services Fund	2,134,724	2,491,483	2,310,881	2,548,339
West Hartford Library Fund	9,786	15,000	15,000	15,000
Parking Lot Fund	1,472,776	1,000,700	2,025,825	1,538,430
Technology Investment Fund	8,863	10,000	10,000	10,000
Capital & Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund	804,242		20,517	1,025,000
Police Private Duty Fund	2,360,119	1,900,000	1,938,000	1,900,000
Cemetery Operating Fund	425,461	572,900	475,900	588,600
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Other Resources</b>	<b>\$317,768,996</b>	<b>\$324,444,814</b>	<b>\$326,201,879</b>	<b>\$335,810,967</b>
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	ACTUAL 2020-2021	ADOPTED 2021-2022	ESTIMATED 2021-2022	PROPOSED 2022-2023
General Fund	\$301,737,165	\$308,442,028	\$309,473,382	\$317,894,171
Blue Back Square Fund	3,410,500	3,658,875	3,658,875	3,654,000
Community Development Block Grant Fund	911,035	744,778	779,760	832,692
CDBG – Housing Rehabilitation Fund	154,682	200,000	200,000	200,000
State Housing & Community Development Fund				
Westmoor Park Fund	695,222	757,976	744,415	758,083
Leisure Services Fund	3,382,798	4,525,399	4,559,110	4,733,898
Private School Services Fund	2,134,724	2,491,483	2,310,881	2,548,339
West Hartford Library Fund	9,788	15,000	15,000	15,000
Parking Lot Fund	2,328,092	2,798,346	2,822,233	3,050,149
Technology Investment Fund	4,543	10,000	10,000	10,000
Capital & Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund	2,599,525	350,000	1,861,725	1,545,000
Police Private Duty Fund	2,155,099	1,875,804	2,101,685	1,795,883
Cemetery Operating Fund	503,549	507,252	490,096	541,006
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Other Uses</b>	<b>\$320,026,812</b>	<b>\$326,377,441</b>	<b>\$329,027,162</b>	<b>\$337,578,221</b>
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(\$ 2,257,816)	(\$ 1,932,627)	(\$ 2,825,283)	(\$ 1,767,257)
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 32,124,240	\$ 29,866,425	\$ 29,866,425	\$ 27,041,142
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 29,866,425	\$ 27,933,798	\$ 27,041,142	\$ 25,273,888

TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023				
BUDGET IN BRIEF				
GENERAL FUND				
REVENUES AND OTHER RESOURCES	ACTUAL 2020-2021	ADOPTED 2021-2022	ESTIMATED 2021-2022	PROPOSED 2022-2023
Current Year Property Taxes	\$262,777,569	\$266,811,380	\$267,111,380	\$279,209,270
Other Property Taxes	4,728,258	4,440,000	4,865,000	4,665,000
Intergovernmental	26,544,985	29,885,704	29,898,296	25,783,244
Charges for Services	6,550,912	5,839,398	6,503,043	6,786,357
Miscellaneous	787,427	902,800	888,751	849,300
Transfers In	898,037	562,746	562,746	601,000
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Other Resources</b>	<b>\$302,287,188</b>	<b>\$308,442,028</b>	<b>\$309,829,216</b>	<b>\$317,894,171</b>
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	ACTUAL 2020-2021	ADOPTED 2021-2022	ESTIMATED 2021-2022	PROPOSED 2022-2023
Town Council	\$ 367,284	\$ 401,281	\$ 396,877	\$ 424,433
Town Clerk	328,241	279,627	309,109	361,398
Town Manager	407,056	610,390	578,105	725,982
Corporation Counsel	584,266	466,369	458,338	495,867
Registrar of Voters	300,106	255,123	242,994	299,350
Assessor	660,432	766,726	762,984	847,338
Information Technology	1,067,308	1,117,799	1,094,905	1,259,865
Financial Services	2,388,496	2,358,303	2,493,504	2,714,136
Human Resources	472,290	486,454	461,919	531,920
Fire	13,848,013	13,254,052	13,763,031	13,599,688
Police	17,673,593	16,970,863	17,647,994	17,736,960
Community Development	2,437,715	2,285,120	2,478,814	3,034,406
Public Works	11,519,940	12,365,930	12,234,313	12,923,927
Plant and Facilities Services	1,955,240	2,249,306	2,380,070	2,536,291
Leisure Services & Social Services	2,389,462	3,302,469	3,588,212	3,456,258
Library	2,820,119	3,211,110	3,216,111	3,584,025
Education	169,891,849	175,556,055	175,556,055	181,328,975
Capital Financing	17,630,917	15,643,560	15,643,560	17,155,896
Non-Departmental	54,994,836	56,861,491	56,166,487	54,877,456
<b>Total Expenditures &amp; Other Uses</b>	<b>\$301,737,165</b>	<b>\$308,442,028</b>	<b>\$309,473,382</b>	<b>\$317,894,171</b>
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ 550,024	\$	\$ 355,834	\$
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$26,838,949	\$27,388,973	\$27,388,973	\$ 27,744,807
ENDING BALANCE	\$27,388,973	\$27,388,973	\$27,744,807	\$ 27,744,807

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<b>Cromwell</b> Marilyn J. Mcguire	<b>Plainville</b> Edgar A. Wynkoop
<b>East Granby</b> Raymond L. Bogoslofski	<b>Simsbury</b> Jeannette M. Ashe
<b>Farmington</b> Gabriel A. Salas	<b>South Windsor</b> Krystyna Kalisz
<b>Hartford</b> Krystyna Kalisz Carl G. Neal, Sr. Jason Rodriguez Carmelo Torres	<b>Southington</b> Pasqua Russo*
<b>Manchester</b> John J. Poggie Barbara Soares	<b>Storrs</b> Albert C. Ching
<b>Marlborough</b> John J. Poggie	<b>Tolland</b> Richard B. Ford
<b>New Britain</b> Arthur Lesniak* Marilyn J. Mcguire Geraldine Palmer Jason Rodriguez	<b>Waterbury</b> Jeannette M. Ashe
<b>Newington</b> Lane N. Johnson Theresa Sica	<b>West Hartford</b> Giuseppa Buccheri Marie Elsner Beverly Greenberg Kiran B. Parekh Elijah Suber, Jr. William J. Tully
<b>Old Saybrook</b> Joseph L. Ricci	<b>Wethersfield</b> Barbara G. Morin
<b>Other Towns in CT</b> Giuseppa Buccheri Albert C. Ching Audrey L. Garvey Lane N. Johnson Joseph L. Ricci Pasqua Russo* William J. Tully	<b>Windsor</b> George W. Dixon Kiran B. Parekh Carmelo Torres
	<b>Windsor Locks</b> Esther Preli
	<b>OUT OF STATE</b> Joseph L. Ricci Canastota, NY

\* Denotes name listing only. Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES

Parekh, Kiran B.



Mr. Kiran B Parekh was born April 12, 1952 in Valod, Gujarat, India. He attended school in Valod and college in Navsari and Baroda, India. Kiran taught high school science in Valod, and after coming to the U.S. in October 1979 with his family, he worked for more than 40 years as an engineer, eventually retiring from Westinghouse. Kiran was known for his sense of humor, gentle smile, and warm heart. He was an active volunteer of many Indian organizations. As a result of his generosity, pleasant personality, and commitment to helping others, he was a loved and respected member of the community. He quietly departed on Monday, March 7, 2022 at home with family by his side. His beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of his son, Utpal Parekh, daughter-in-law, Valerie, and grandchildren, Sai, Maggie, Jay and Kash; his former wife Mina Parekh, his siblings, Jyotish, Hemleta, and Priamvada and their families; and a host of devoted nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Funeral services will be held at Carmon Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor, CT on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 4:00 pm. To leave on-line condolences please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com)



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Neal, Sr., Carl G.

Carl Gregory Neal Sr. AKA "Greg", 72 born on September 19, 1949 of Hartford passed away in Jacksonville Florida on February 4, 2022. He was predeceased by his parents the late Nelson and Edith Cannon Neal and brother Thomas Neal. He will be remembered by his children; Enid Shepherd-Contreras of Las Vegas; Kawayne Gore (Shaena) and Carl Neal Jr. of Hartford; Quinton and Terrence Neal of Florida and grandchildren. In addition, a host of siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A memorial service will be held on Friday March 11, 2022 from 4pm -5pm at All Faith Memorial Chapel, South Windsor CT.

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Greenberg, Beverly (Parks)



Beverly P. Greenberg passed away on March 7, 2022 at home in West Hartford, Connecticut, surrounded by her family. She was 81.

Born Beverly Lynn Parks on April 18, 1940 in Hartford, Connecticut, she was the daughter of Marion (Kamins) Parks and William Parks.

Beverly was a member of the inaugural, graduating class at Hall High School in West Hartford in 1958.

She was a proud alumna of Mount Holyoke College, from which she earned her bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in 1962. Her receipt of a master's degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1963, was the beginning of a long and continuous commitment to education and community service.

As a teacher in the Glastonbury Public Schools, she relished the opportunity to nurture curiosity in her students and develop young readers, writers and critical thinkers. With a passion for education policy, she sought to eliminate the inequities in access to education. First elected to the West Hartford Board of Education in 1981, she served for eight years, three as chairperson. She was appointed to the Connecticut State Board of Education in 1989 where she served for 12 years, two as vice chair.

Beverly was an avid fan and supporter of the arts. Theater, music, dance, design, fine art, crafts...she enjoyed them all and appreciated all of the creators behind the finished works.

A life board member of Hartford Stage, she was involved for over forty years as a champion, fundraiser and audience member who appreciated every aspect of bringing a production to the stage. As a docent at the Wadsworth Atheneum, she helped others interpret and appreciate the museum's collection. Beverly was also a member of the Mount Holyoke College Art Museum Advisory Board.

Beverly served two terms on the board of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving from 2005 to 2014. Other board service included the Hartford Education Foundation, the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame, West Hartford Community Television and Westledge School.

In 2014, she received the Woman Philanthropist of the Year award from the Aurora Women and Girls Foundation, an honor she cherished.

Her service, philanthropy and appreciation of the arts was complemented by effervescence and boundless energy. She kayaked, weight trained, did Pilates and tap danced from a young age, continuing into her seventies.

She was energized by relationships with others and grateful for strong friendships, some lasting from childhood.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Arnold Greenberg; her daughters, Dana and Sara Greenberg; her grandchildren, Joshua and Lily Shafer; and her brother and sister-in-law, David and Pamela Parks.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, March 10 at Beth El Temple, 2626 Albany Avenue in West Hartford with Rabbi James Rosen officiating. Masks required. Burial will follow in Beth El Temple Cemetery at 51 Jackson Street, Avon, CT. Immediately following the burial, the family will receive relatives and friends at Beth El Temple.

Shiva will be observed at the family's home, 47 Jillian Circle, West Hartford, on Thursday, March 10; Sunday, March 13; and Monday, March 14 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, with a minyan at 7:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hartford Stage, 50 Church Street, Hartford, CT 06103 ([www.hartfordstage.org](http://www.hartfordstage.org)); Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, 10 Columbus Boulevard, 8th Floor, Hartford CT 06106 ([www.hfpg.org](http://www.hfpg.org)); Beth El Temple, 2626 Albany Avenue West Hartford, CT 06117 ([www.bethelwesthartford.org](http://www.bethelwesthartford.org)); or a recipient of the donor's choosing.

Arrangements are entrusted to Weinstein Mortuary, Hartford, CT. For further information, directions, or to sign the guest book for Beverly, please visit online at [www.weinsteinmortuary.com](http://www.weinsteinmortuary.com).

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Buccheri, Giuseppa "Pina" (Fichera)

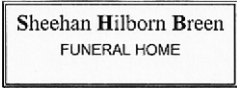


Giuseppa "Pina" (Fichera) Buccheri, 91, of West Hartford, passed away on Monday, March 7, 2022. Pina was born in Florida, Sicily, Italy on September 12, 1930, daughter of the late Filippo and Sara (Gregorio) Fichera. She had been a resident of West Harford for over 50 years. Prior to her retirement, she worked at Connecticut Spring and Stamping Company for 25 years. She loved cooking, knitting, and trips to the shoreline.

Pina is survived by her sons and their spouses: Sebastiano and Isabella Buccheri, and Filippo and Filomena Buccheri; her grandchildren Teresa (Salvatore) Lupo, Tony (Angela) Buccheri, Joe (Lisette) Buccheri, Christina Buccheri and Tony (Samantha) Buccheri, and their families. She also leaves behind two sisters, Carmela Tralongo of Florida, and Bianca Russo of Brisbane, Australia; a brother, Sebastiano Fichera and his wife, Joann, of Burlington, CT; two brothers-in-law, Gino Conte of Canton, CT, and Vincenzo Russo, of Brisbane; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pina was predeceased by her husband, Antonino Buccheri, with whom she operated a small grocery shop before she immigrated to the United States. She was also predeceased by her brothers Gaetano Fichera and his wife Lucia, Filippo Fichera and his wife Anna, Salvatore Fichera and his wife Maria; her sisters Maria Conte and Rosa Russo and her brother-in-law Angelo Russo.

Calling hours will be Thursday, March 10 from 5pm to 7pm at the Sheehan-Hilborn-Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, March 11 at 10 am at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The American Heart Association. Online condolences may be made at [www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com](http://www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com)



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Ricci, Joseph L.



Joseph L. Ricci of 8849 Lake Road, Canastota, N.Y., passed away at home on March 6, 2022, after a courageous battle with cancer, with his loved ones by his side.

Joe is survived by his partner Ellen Button, son, Nicholas (Christine), two daughters, Theresa (Michael) Pellini and Kristi-Ann (Drew) Carbone, seven grandchildren (Nicole, Danielle, Sophia, Lily, Josie, Joey and Tommy), a great-grandson (Jackson), and his sister, Gina Caridi. He is also survived by Ellen's three children, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and their many friends.

Joe was predeceased by his parents (Luigi and Matilda), his wife Joan and one older sister Marion. He will be deeply missed. Family and friends may call on Friday March 11th from 5-8 PM at the Swan Funeral Home 1224 Boston Post Rd. Old Saybrook, CT 06475. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday March 12th at 9:00 AM in St. John Church 161 Main St. Old Saybrook, CT. Burial will be private. Joe will be interred with military honors. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Diabetes Association. For online condolences, visit [www.swanfuneralhome-oldsaybrook.com](http://www.swanfuneralhome-oldsaybrook.com)

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Rodriguez, Jason



Jason Rodriguez, 46, of New London, formerly of the Hartford area, peacefully passed away Thursday, March 3, 2022. Born in Hartford, December 25, 1975, a Christmas baby to Hector Rodriguez and the late Theresa Lopez. He grew up in the Hartford area. A graduate of Hartford Public High School, Jason continued his education, attending classes at Manchester Community College. He was a machinist for several area-manufacturing companies. Jason was an avid boxing fan. His greatest passion was spending time with his family, who will miss him dearly. Jason will be forever remembered by his loving family, his daughter Shamayra Rodriguez of New Britain, his significant other, Evelyn Rodriguez of New London; his stepbrother and stepsister, Angel M. Soler of Newington and Keira Soler of Wolcott and his aunt, Nilda Lopez of Hartford. Along with his mother, Jason was pre-deceased by his brother, Juan Rodriguez. Friends and family may pay their respects to the Rodriguez family on Thursday, March 10 from 5-7 p.m. at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Boulevard, Wethersfield. A Remembrance Service will be held from 7-7:30 p.m. at the conclusion of the visitation. At the family's convenience, Jason will be laid to rest next to his mother and brother in the family plot in Puerto Rico. To share a memory of Jason with his family, please visit [www.desopofuneralchapel.com](http://www.desopofuneralchapel.com).



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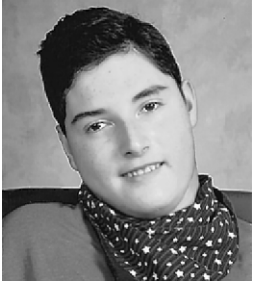
Elsner, Marie

Marie (Gugliotti) Elsner, 93 passed away on February 27, 2022. She was predeceased by her husband Robert (Bob) of 68 years. She was born in Waterbury, CT on September 8, 1928 to the late Lorenzo and Maria Gugliotti. Marie worked as a cosmetologist for various makeup lines in G. Fox and Sage Allen's. Marie enjoyed socializing, weekly Mahjong games with the girls, monthly trips to the casinos, scratch-off lottery tickets and was an avid reader. She was a devoted wife, loving mother and Mema. She leaves her daughter Carolyn Elsner, sons Lawrence and his wife Becky, Peter and his wife Diane, her two grandchildren P.J. and Kate Elsner, a nephew Joseph Gugliotti and his partner Loretta Malafronte, nieces Ann Marie Summa and Linda Krish, brother-in-law James E. Elsner and his wife Dorothy. She was predeceased by her four sisters and two brothers. There will be a graveside service at Fairview Cemetery. A celebration of Marie & Bob's life will be held at a future date in warmer weather. The Elsner children would like to extend their thanks for the wonderful care their mother was given by Nadine, Cassie, Yvonne and Angella. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation or a charity of the donor's choice. For online expressions of sympathy please visit [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)



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Salas, Gabriel Alexander



Gabriel Alexander Salas, 23, of Farmington, beloved son of Gustavo and Patricia (Roy) Salas, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family. Born January 16th, 1999 in Farmington, he was a graduate of Farmington High School, Class of 2018. Besides his parents, Gabriel is survived by his brother, Jacob A. Salas of Farmington, his paternal grandfather, Gustavo H. Salas of Hartford and a large extended family. The family would like to extend their sincere thanks and gratitude to the CCMC Pulmonology Department, the 7th Floor Nurses, PCA's and the entire staff for the wonderful and loving care given to Gabriel throughout his 20 years as a patient there.

Friends may call at The Ahern Funeral Home, 111 Main St., Rt. 4, Unionville on Thursday (March 10) from 4:00-8:00pm. Funeral Services will be held in The Ahern Funeral Home on Friday (March 11) at 10:30am followed by burial in Greenwood Cemetery, Avon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Connecticut Children's Medical Center online at <https://www.connecticutchildrensfoundation.org/>. Checks, made payable to Connecticut Children's Foundation, Inc., may be mailed to: Connecticut Children's Medical Center Foundation, Inc., Attn: Memorial Gifts, PO Box 412901, Boston, MA 02241-2901. Please include Gabriel Salas in the memo line. To send online condolences to the family, please visit [www.ahernfuneralhome.com](http://www.ahernfuneralhome.com).

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Johnson, Lane N.

Lane N. Johnson, 54, of Clinton, passed away unexpectedly after a short illness on Tuesday, February 8, 2022. He was the beloved husband of Laura (Lambert) Johnson. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Friday, March 11th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave. in Newington. His funeral service will take place at 6:00 p.m. To read his complete obituary please visit [www.duksa.net](http://www.duksa.net).



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Rozetta, Mildred



Mildred Johns Rozetta, 91, of Hartford, CT went home to be with the Lord on Friday, February 25, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. Mildred was born in Andersonville, GA to the late Johnny and Annie K. Jones on August 30, 1930. A celebration of Mildred's life will be on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 12:00pm with a visitation from 11:00am – 12:00pm at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services), 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Interment will be held at Mountain View Cemetery, 30 Mountain Avenue, Bloomfield, CT, 06002. To leave a message of comfort for the Rozetta family, view the full obituary and livestreaming of services, please visit, [www.hkhfuneralservices.com](http://www.hkhfuneralservices.com)



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Dixon, George W.

George W. Dixon, 86, of Windsor, beloved husband of Marie L. Dixon passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at his home surrounded by his loving family. His family will receive friends on Friday, March 11, 2022 from 9:30-11:00 AM at St. Damien of Molokai Parish-St. Joseph Church, 1747 Poquonock Ave., Windsor followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery, Windsor. Carmon Funeral Home has care of arrangements. To read entire obituary and leave on-line condolences please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com)



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Wynkoop, Edgar Arthur Holden



Edgar Arthur Holden Wynkoop, 69 of Plainville, passed away peacefully on Monday March 7, 2022, following a hard fought battle with cancer. He was the husband of Kathie (Fallis) Wynkoop, with whom he shared more than 30 years of love, laughter, and world travels. Born in New Britain on July 22, 1952, he was one of four children to the late John and Margaret (Holden) Wynkoop. Raised and educated in Plainville, Edgar went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Connecticut. He retired in 2021 from the State of Connecticut after 32 years of dedicated service. It was at the Department of Transportation where he met his best friend and soulmate Kathie, whom he married in 1993, settling in Plainville where they raised their children. Edgar was a devoted father to his daughter and two sons, each who share in his passion for music, sports, and service to their communities. A loyal member of the Plainville Fire Department for 41 years he served in various capacities including Lieutenant, Captain and Second Assistant Chief and was the much appreciated Company Parliamentarian. Additionally, Edgar was elected to the Plainville Town Council in 1979, serving for four years in two consecutive terms. A former saxophonist, he was known to play at local establishments with the Inner City Exchange and New Vintage jazz bands. Edgar had a love for the beach, finding enjoyment in flying kites, and went on many fun-filled vacations, where he would inevitably run into someone he knew, or would meet a new acquaintance with his outgoing personality and quick wit. Gone too soon but not soon forgotten, Edgar touched the lives of many and leaves a legacy of love, dedication, and kindheartedness. In addition to his wife Kathie, he leaves his daughter, Moriah Shinaid Wynkoop; his sons, Edgar Joseph "E.J." Wynkoop and Alex Holden Wynkoop; his sisters, Margaret "Piji" Musgrove and Sharon Wynkoop Corlette; his sister-in-law, Barbara Germain and her husband John; his nephews, Derek Musgrove, his wife Shelly and their two sons; his niece Taura Musgrove; his nephew and Godson Jason Corlette and his wife Karie; his Godchildren, Scott Wentworth and Harley Leigh Jackson; along with his brother firefighters, many dear friends, and his faithful companion "Rocco". He was predeceased by his brother Sidney Wynkoop. In lieu of flowers, Edgar may be remembered with contributions to a fund that has been established to benefit his children at the Liberty Bank, 48 East St. Plainville, CT 06062.

Family and friend may gather in celebration of Edgar's life on Saturday March 12, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad St Plainville. Words of remembrance will be shared at 2:00 p.m. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit Edgar's tribute page at [www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com)



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Preli, Esther (Montemerlo)



Esther Montemerlo Preli, 92, of Windsor Locks, passed away peacefully on Sunday (March 6, 2022) with her two daughters by her side. Born on October 21, 1929, she was the daughter of the late Silvio and Chiarina (Canevaro) Montemerlo and a lifelong resident of Windsor Locks. Esther was predeceased by her loving husband of 53 years, Charles Preli. She attended St. Mary's School and graduated from Windsor Locks High School. After mastering typing and stenography, Esther became a secretary at Combustion Engineering in Windsor and worked there until she began her family in 1960. Esther was a lifelong communicant of St. Mary's Church. She was a former member of the church's Parish Council, and she was instrumental in acquiring the creche that continues to adorn the front of the church at Christmas time. She was also active in local community groups, including the VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries. Esther enjoyed many activities and interests over the years, among them spending long summer days at the RI shore, playing Scrabble with her family, and cheering on her favorite basketball and baseball teams. But, nothing compared to the time and energy she put into loving and caring for others - from her legendary Sunday dinners; her warm welcome to all who entered her home; her daily adventures with Charlie, her sister Ersilia, and her brother-in-law Sylvio; and, cherished moments with each of her beloved grandchildren - Esther was someone we all wanted to be around. We were blessed to have her in our lives and will miss her dearly.

She is survived by her two devoted daughters and their spouses, Donna Sonberg (Don) of Windsor, and Carol Bennett (Jonathan) of Suffield; four grandchildren who were their Nonie's pride and joy: Ryan Sonberg (Caroline), Chris Sonberg, Dan Bennett and Sarah Bennett; her brother Lawrence Montemerlo and his wife Claire; eleven nephews and five nieces along with their spouses, children and grandchildren. In addition to her husband and her parents, she was predeceased by her sister Ersilia Montemerlo; four brothers and their wives: Guido (Barbara) Montemerlo, Hugo (Elizabeth) Montemerlo, Leo (Lena) Montemerlo and Ennio (Rose) Montemerlo; brother-in-law Sylvio Preli; and sister-in-laws Florence Preli and Josephine (John) Oates. Special thanks to the staff at Suffield House for the outstanding care given to Esther over the past 3 years. In particular, we would like to express our gratitude to June, Esther's aide, whose endless compassion, care and dedication made all the difference in the world to both Esther and her family.

Relatives and friends may gather at the Windsor Locks Funeral Home, 441 Spring Street, on Thursday morning (March 10, 2022) at 9 a.m. for a procession to St. Mary's Church, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Calling hours will be held on Wednesday evening from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Windsor Locks Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to St. Mary's Church, 42 Spring Street, Windsor Locks, CT 06096 or to the Windsor Locks Lions Ambulance Fund, P.O. Box 105, Windsor Locks, CT 06096. For directions or to leave an online expression of sympathy for the family, please visit: [www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com](http://www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com).

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Bogoslofski, Raymond Leonard



Raymond Leonard Bogoslofski of East Granby, passed away on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at the age of 90. After several months of declining health, Raymond died peacefully at home with his beloved wife Ann and family by his side. Raymond was born December 2, 1931, in Hartford, CT, son of the late Joseph and Bernice (Brazaitis) Bogoslofski. During his childhood years he lived a quiet farm life in Ellington, eventually moving to East Granby where he lived for the remainder of his life. Raymond graduated from Simsbury High School in 1949 where he excelled in his academics and athletics, most notably basketball. After graduating high school, Raymond went on to attend the University of Connecticut where he continued to play basketball and earned his bachelor's degree in Economics in 1953. Raymond was drafted into the United States Army in 1955, where he served two years active duty and four years in the reserves until he was honorably discharged in 1962. For the next 40 years he worked at Kaman Industrial Technologies as an inside sales representative. Raymond was a hardworking, dependable employee. He demonstrated a strong work ethic which he passed on to his children. Everyone who knew Raymond knew that he was an extremely kind, gentle and peaceful person. He had a goofy sense of humor and often made us laugh when he would randomly break into song. Raymond was a man of simple pleasures. He enjoyed a good homecooked meal—especially desserts and sweets. He started every morning with his newspaper, a cup of coffee and a pastry. He took great pride in his vegetable garden. He enjoyed music, classic cars, and spending time with his family. He was a passionate basketball fan and never missed watching a UCONN game. Raymond lived with declining health for the last years of his life. He met each challenge with the most amazing grace, bravery and perseverance. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. He leaves his wife, Ann C. (Swanson) Bogoslofski; a daughter, Raeanne Kelly and her husband Noel of East Hampton; a son, Gregory Bogoslofski and his wife Lisa of Dayville; three grandchildren, Aidan Kelly of East Hampton, Meghan Kelly of West Hartford, and Austin Kelly of East Hampton; a sister, Eleanor Dewey of West Suffield; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Bernard and David Bogoslofski. His family will receive friends on Saturday, March 12, 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m., at the Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home, 364 Salmon Brook St., Granby. Memorial donations may be made to Special Olympics of Connecticut, 2666 State Street, Suite 1, Hamden, CT 06517. For online condolences please visit, [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).



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Palmer, Geraldine



Geraldine (Gajda) Palmer, 80, of New Britain peacefully passed away Saturday, March 5, 2022 at Monsignor Bojnowski Manor, New Britain, CT. Born in New Britain, CT in 1941 to Teofil and Rose (Was) Gajda, Geraldine lived in New Britain her entire life. Geri, as she was known to friends and family members, attended New Britain High School and graduated with the class of 1960. After high school, Geraldine worked as a secretary at Middle Atlantic in New Britain, where she met the love of her life, Francis Roland Palmer. Geri worked for Aetna Life and Casualty for many years until her retirement at age 65. Geri enjoyed working and made many friends at Aetna, where she was the life of the party, always making people laugh and she always had a kind word. Geri's daughter, Carolyn, also worked for Aetna and they drove to work together daily, enjoying each other's company, dining out after work, and going to happy hour together on many Friday nights. Because Geri had Carolyn at a young age, they were extremely close and were best friends. Geri went on beach vacations with her daughter and granddaughter at the Cape and at the Jersey Shore, and traveled with her sister Gloria to Europe including trips to Spain and The Netherlands. Geri was also very close to her sister Gloria. They spoke on the phone daily; grocery shopped together, attended mass together, and went to dinner after church every Saturday night. In addition to her daughter, Carolyn Palmer-Camp, she leaves a beloved granddaughter, Allison Rose Camp, Allison's father, Anthony Camp and his wife Kim, a sister in law, Joan Gajda, a brother in law R. Scott Palmer and his wife Sally, and cousins Felicia Gajda and Barbara LaRosa, with whom she was close. She is survived by several nieces and nephews including Ted Gajda Jr., Patricia Belloff and her partner Hank Stregowski, Pam Gajda and her partner Larry Bradley, Paul Gajda and his wife Melissa, Amanda McGee and her husband Mike and Aaron Palmer. She also leaves behind her great nephews Jeffrey and Michael Gajda as well as several cousins. Geri's daughter Carolyn would like to thank St. Lucian's Home and Bojnowski Manor for the care they gave to her mother over the years, as well as the hospice team of The Hospital of Central Connecticut, who provided exemplary support during this difficult time. Friends and family may call at Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home, 764 Farmington Avenue, New Britain, CT on Friday, March 11 from 4-7 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Holy Cross Church, 31 Biruta St., New Britain, CT on Saturday, March 12 at 10:00 AM with burial immediately following at Sacred Heart Cemetery, 662 Burritt St., New Britain, CT. To share a memory or extend condolences please visit [www.shakerfuneralhome.com](http://www.shakerfuneralhome.com).

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Schneider, Alan E.



Alan E. Schneider, 60, of Middletown, passed away Saturday February 26, 2022 at Midstate Hospital. Alan was born in New Britain, the son of Rosemary Tolis and the late Norman Schneider. Alan dedicated 24 years of service in the Connecticut National Guard. He was employed with Middletown Plate and Glass. Alan loved his country and was proud of his service. Besides his mother, Alan is survived by two daughters, Susan Schneider of Bristol and Melinda Schneider of Groton, three brothers Howard Zelek of CT, Bruce Martin of Long Island, Robert Schneider of CT, a sister, Dawn Schneider of CT. He was predeceased by a sister, Maria Nielsen. A funeral service will be held Friday March 11th at 11:30 a.m. at Biega Funeral Home 3 Silver Street Middletown. Friends may gather prior to the service from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Burial with military honors will be held in the State Veterans' Cemetery. To share memories or express condolences online please visit [www.biegafuneralhome.com](http://www.biegafuneralhome.com).

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Ashe, Jeannette M.Jolin



Jeannette M. "Jan" (Jolin) Ashe, 85, of Simsbury, beloved wife of the late Thomas F. Ashe, passed away Monday, March 7, 2022. Born in Lewiston, ME, daughter of the late Ernest and Olivine (Duguay) Jolin, she moved with her family to Woodbury, CT before settling in Waterbury when she was 5 years old. She spent most of her life in Waterbury—more than fifty years in the same hundred-year-old house that she and her husband lovingly restored together and raised their family. She and her husband moved to Simsbury in 2011 to be closer to family. Jan was highly creative. She learned to sew at the Waterbury Girl's Club when she was eight years old. She made many of her own clothes and turned that passion into becoming a home-based seamstress soon after she married. Starting in the early seventies, she enjoyed working part-time in the fabric department at G. Fox & Company at the Naugatuck Valley Mall in Waterbury. She also began teaching the art of hand quilting at the Waterbury YWCA, branching out to other venues in the city through Waterbury Adult Education. She taught quilting farther afield at Heritage Village in Southbury and at the YMCA in Southington. When she moved to Simsbury, she continued her spring and fall eight-week quilting sessions for her loyal students, now decades-long-friends, in Simsbury and Avon. Unfortunately, those classes were paused during the pandemic. Jan and Tom became communicants of St. Mary's Church, Simsbury, and were active with the Simsbury Senior Center. She leaves her daughter Lorraine J. "Lorrie" McElligott and her husband David of Simsbury; her son Timothy T. Ashe and his wife Deborah of Seattle, WA; and grandsons Kevin Thomas McElligott and Angelo Stango. Besides her husband and parents, she was predeceased by a son, Daniel M. Ashe, and a daughter, Julia M. Ashe. Her family will receive friends Saturday, March 12, 2022, from 9:30 AM-10:30 AM at St. Mary's Church, 942 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury prior to a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 AM. Burial will be at the convenience of the family in New Pine Grove Cemetery, Waterbury. Memorial contributions may be made to Roaring Brook Nature Center's Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic, 70 Gracey Road, Canton, CT 06019, [www.roaringbrook.org](http://www.roaringbrook.org) The Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center of Avon is caring for the arrangements. For directions or condolences please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).



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Ching, Albert C.



Albert C. Ching, 94, of Mansfield, CT died Wednesday, February 9, 2022 after a long illness. He was born in New Rochelle, NY on May 17, 1927, the son of Jason and Theresa (Campbell) Ching both of whom immigrated from Prince Edward Island, Canada. He was a graduate of Windham High School, class of 1946. Prior to graduation from high school, he served in the US Army. After discharge from the service, he completed high school and went on to the University of Connecticut where he received his MS degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1956. He was a member of the honorary engineering fraternities Tau Beta Pi and Pi Tau Sigma. He was employed initially by Eastman Kodak in Rochester, NY before taking a position with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. During his employment with PWA, he was associated with the development of gas turbine engines in general and afterburning fighter engines in particular. His work involved considerable technical support to aircraft manufacturers. Later he became an initial member of a newly formed fuel cell research and development group and went on to become manager of the Power Plant Performance group responsible for the evaluation of both domestic and foreign fuel cell power installations as well as the electrical power sources for both the Apollo and Space Shuttle aircraft. He retired in 1986 from the organization then known as International Fuel Cells (IFC). Immediately following his retirement, he became a consultant for IFC in Japan. Later he became a volunteer adjunct professor for the UConn Engineering department for several years during which time he worked with UConn students on mechanical design projects. Later on he was employed part time by Science Engineering Associates in Mansfield, CT where he was involved with specialized machining operations for over 20 years. For a period, he was also a professional inspector of both residential and commercial properties as a licensed professional engineer. His lifetime interests were woodworking and metalworking which he pursued in his home shop. He was also a celestial navigator and served in that capacity in several sailing adventures from Bermuda and the British West Indies in the era prior to GPS.

He is survived by his two sons, Lawrence and his wife Leah of Ashford, CT; Walter of Hudson, MA; and Carol Teller, a companion in the last years. He was predeceased by his wife Patricia in 2011 and his daughter Catherine in 1999.

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Garvey, Audrey L.

Audrey Loretta Garvey, née Pilgrim departed from her earthly body and ascended to heaven on February 26, 2022. Born in St. Michael, Barbados on July 17, 1929 to the late Hilton and Ellen Pilgrim, she met her siblings, Eileen, Kathleen, Sheila, Michael, Edward, John, Brenda and Jessie at the pearly gates of Heaven.

Audrey was a devout wife to the late Basil Garvey. She leaves behind her sister Adren (Odessa) Poplin; stepsons Wayne and Barrington; stepdaughters Monica and Maureen; goddaughter Patsy Brewster; godson Stuart Poplin Sr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, step grandchildren, family, and friends in the US, Barbados, Canada, Sweden and UK.

Audrey was an active member of Liberty Christian Center. She leaves behind a legacy of love and will be forever missed.

Services will be held on Friday, March 11th at Liberty Christian Center, 23 Vine St, Hartford, Connecticut. Calling hours are at 10 AM, funeral services at 11 AM, and Interment at Mountain View Cemetery, 30 Mountain Road, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to All Faith Memorial Chapel in South Windsor.

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Morin, Barbara G.



Barbara G. Morin, 65, of Wethersfield, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 28, 2022. Barbara was born in Hartford, daughter of the late Frederick and Cecile (Caron) Lowell. She was a valued employee with Puritan Furniture as an accounts payable clerk, retiring after 30 years of service. After retiring, Barbara began working with First Transit, East Hartford.

Barbara was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, and dear friend. She enjoyed making her home beautiful inside and outside by planting and tending to her garden; and she would often change the colors of the rooms by painting them herself. Barbara's greatest joy was family time with her children and her grandchildren whom she adored. Barbara leaves to cherish her memories, her devoted children, Derrick Lowell, Justina Morin, Willard Morin Jr; five grandchildren, Da'Vaughn, Devin, Emmaleigh, Chase and Hayleigh; sisters: Lorraine Santana, Diane Arroyo, brother: David Lowell; and her beloved sweetheart of 14 years, Steve Berman.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was predeceased by siblings, Mary Lou Lowell and Gerard Lowell.

Her family will receive friends on Friday, March 11, 10 a.m., with the Celebration of Life, 11a.m., at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd., Windsor.



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McGuire, Marilyn Jean



Marilyn Jean McGuire died peacefully in her sleep on March 7, 2022. She was born in New Britain on July 11, 1932, the daughter of Elsie and David McGuire. She graduated from New Britain High School, Class of 1950 and from Lasell College in Newton, MA. Marilyn worked in the insurance industry in Hartford, retiring as a company officer from Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. She traveled widely for her work and enjoyed the many connections she made. Also of importance, Marilyn was a parishioner of St. Patrick-St. Anthony in Hartford. Marilyn is survived by her dear cousins Dr. Arthur McGuire, East Longmeadow, MA, Betsy Eltgroth, Livermore, CA, Clare Porter, Garrison, NJ, Jane Danaher, Newport, MA and Monsignor Frank McGrath, Darien, CT. She is also survived by her beloved "other family": Leslie and Bryan Lorber, Amherst, MA and Carolyn and Ben Lorber; Robert and Ellen Lachance, Belchertown, MA; Susan and Taylor Seybolt, Southampton, MA and Willa, Potter and Reed Seybolt; and Jim Weber, East Hartford, CT. Marilyn was the proud godmother of Ellen Lachance, Jessie Goodwin and Michael Zapatka. She leaves many cherished friends, including Vicki Bogdon and Joyce Schwartz. Her former husband was William Levine of Arizona. Marilyn enjoyed a day on the golf links, although she always said her enthusiasm for the game far exceeded her expertise. She was a voracious reader, an avid conversationalist and a connoisseur of a well-placed quip. Her fondness for a chilled glass of Pinot Grigio was only exceeded by her passion for lobster. In her later years, Marilyn found great joy volunteering at Naylor Elementary School in Hartford, CT. She often remarked that the first graders kept her young and boasted about the stories they shared with her. While Marilyn was an only child, the number of friends she collected more than made up for the lack of siblings, as evidenced by her voluminous address book filled with those from far and wide. A Memorial Service will be held at Farrell Funeral Home 110 Franklin Square New Britain, CT on Friday, March 11, 2022 at 11:00 AM. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery 1141 Stanley St. New Britain. Friends and family may pay their respects from 10:30 AM until the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Hartford Arts Council 100 Pearl St, Hartford, CT 06103 or Naylor Elementary School 639 Franklin Ave, Hartford, CT 06114. To send a condolence or share a memory, please visit [www.FarrellFuneralHome.com](http://www.FarrellFuneralHome.com)



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Soares, Barbara



Barabra Soares of Lady Lake, Florida passed to her eternal home in heaven on Sunday February 20th, 2022 at the age of 78. Prior to moving to Florida, she lived in Manchester with her family. Barbara was deeply loved by her family, friends, and neighbors. Barbara is survived by her devoted; husband Jack, son Dean and granddaughter Gabriella; residents of Lady Lake. Barbara was predeceased by her parents Theodore and Ernestine (Hack) Kean. And her sons Dale and Joaquim Jr. Soares. Barabra is also survived by her sister, Beverly Chamberlain and her brother William and his wife Sandra Kean; brother-in-law Manuel and his wife Patricia Soares, Arthur Soares. Sister-in-law Virginia and her husband Peter Argeros and mother-in-law Virginia Soares and by loved nieces, nephews and their children. Barbara retired from Travelers Insurance Company as a senior system analyst after retiring she was property manager for Lakeview Apartments of Farmington. Barbara has a love of horses, horseback riding, and horse races. She was an avid Uconn Huskies Women's Basketball team fan and the Boston Red Sox Baseball team. She enjoyed hosting activities at home and the family cottage. She loved to take cruises and visit historical sites. Barbara was a member of Trinity Lutheran in Summerfield Florida. She served as past-president of the Emanuel Housing Corporation, past-chairperson of the Habitat for Humanity Tennant Selection Committee and past-president of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. A Funeral Service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 17330 Hwy 441, Summerfield FL 34491. At 11:00 AM EST on Saturday, March 12th 2022. Contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church LWML, or the charity of the Donor's choice if desired.

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Poggie, John J.



John J. Poggie, 77, beloved husband of Janice (Urgo) Poggie, of Manchester, passed away on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at Manchester Memorial Hospital. He was the son of the late Victor and Johanna (Grimek) Poggie. John is survived by his wife Janice, children Chris Poggie and his wife Melanie, Deanna Sokola and her husband Mike; grandchildren Julia, Gennevieve, Sophie, Michael, Dean and Aurora; brother Daniel Poggie and his wife Tami, sister-in-law Rose Poggie, as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother Joseph Poggie. John studied carpentry at Prince Technical School and made good use of this knowledge throughout his life. After high school John joined the Air Force and spent most of the Vietnam Conflict as an airplane mechanic in Puerto Rico, stationed at Ramey Air Force Base. Following his marriage to Janice in 1969, they cleared a parcel of land in Marlborough and built their home. He spent most of his life as a top-notch auto body mechanic. He dearly loved his grandchildren and made a tradition of Saturday Donut Day. He often called to remind them to watch Battle Bots, AFV and any other TV program he thought they would enjoy. John also had a great love for all animals and birds, feeding them morning and night. With this in mind we suggest that, in lieu of flowers or other memorials, you consider donating to ASPCA in his honor. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on March 12 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Bridget Church, 80 Main Street in Manchester. For online condolences, please visit [www.tierneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tierneyfuneralhome.com).



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Torres, Carmelo



Carmelo "Mello" Torres, age 61, of Broad Brook, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on March 6, 2022. After a courageous fight against cancer, he went to be with the Lord. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 40 years, Rosa (Diaz) Torres; his children, Katrina Torres-Marshall and husband Kevin of South Windsor and Jesse Torres of Broad Brook; and his grandson Lincoln Carmelo "little foot". Mello was born in Hartford to Teresa Torres and the late Alfonso Torres. He grew up alongside his loving siblings; brother, Israel Torres and wife Lillian; sister, Mildred Torres and partner Melton. He was a graduate of Hartford High. He then worked for Triumph as a machinist for over 35 years where he made lifelong friends. He will be deeply missed by his many nieces, nephews and extended family. Mello was known for his loving heart and dedication to his family. He had a love for Bigfoot and made sure everyone knew that he believed. Mello had a passion for being outdoors and loved traveling with his wife to beach destinations. He was a loyal Miami Dolphins fan and enjoyed watching NASCAR. He was a member of Crossroads Community Cathedral and had a strong faith in God. One of the last things he wrote to his family was "God is good". Calling hours will be Friday, March 11th at 10 a.m., followed by a service at 11 a.m., both at Crossroads Community Cathedral, 53 Prospect Hill Road, East Windsor. Burial will follow at Mount St. Benedict in Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/teammello> Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home in South Windsor has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com)



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Tully, William J.



William J. Tully was born March 20th, 1922 of Irish Immigrants in Hartford Connecticut's Frog Hollow neighborhood and left this world March 6th 2022 just shy of his 100th birthday. He married his "bride" Ruthie in 1942 at the age of 20 before going overseas to fight in World War II. Bill and Ruth were together for 75 years until she passed away. He is now at peace with her again. William served in the Navy as a Motor Machinist's Mate, First Class, aboard a troop carrying Landing Craft. He helped land the 1st Marine Division on the shorelines of Guadalcanal. He was in the battles of Anguar and Leyte Gulf, considered the largest Naval Battle in WWII. He was honorably discharged in October 1945. He was one of those last surviving few that you will see wearing the hat bearing the insignia of a WWII unit and have the honor of shaking their hand. William was a West Hartford Police Force Patrolman and Captain for 23 years; he was a member of the police scuba recovery team and gun club. He retired from the US Army Reserves as a Sargent Major after 30 years of service. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, VFW and American Legion Post 96 (1969-70 Post Commander). He was the West Hartford Representative for the Soldier, sailors, & Marine fund. He is a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal. Ruth and Bill moved to Florida in their retirement where they lived, loved, traveled and danced every chance they got for 30 years. Bill is survived by his son, Brian Tully and his wife De, his daughter Mary Ellen Tully Adams and her husband Dale, grandchildren Mikaila Adams, William Brian Boru Tully, Paige and Lily Monsees. He is preceded in death by his parents Patrick and Celia (Kelly) Tully, Brothers John, Jim, Joe Tully and sister Mary Tully Lamb. His Funeral Mass will be offered at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (Our Lady of Hope Parish) 78 Litchfield Rd., Harwinton CT on Thursday March 10th at Noon. Burial will be in Florida at a future date. The DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 690 Woodtick Rd., Wolcott is assisting with the arrangements. For online condolences and directions please visit, [www.dellavecchiawolcott.com](http://www.dellavecchiawolcott.com)

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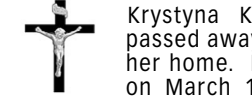
Ford, Richard B.



Richard B. Ford (Dick), 88, of Tolland CT., passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family on March 4, 2022. Richard was born in Hartford, CT on March 12, 1933 to the late Gilbert H. Ford and Helen Moran Ford. Richard served in the Navy during the Korean War and upon arriving home he met and married the love of his life, Judith Fuller in May of 1957. Richard worked for 35 years for the state of CT in a number of engineering capacities, then retired in 1989. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends at their cottage on Lake Hayward in Colchester, and fishing and gardening were his favorite pasttimes. Family was extremely important to him, and loved to share his experiences, stories and great wisdom on all who knew him. Besides his wife, he is survived by his four children, Deborah and son-in-law John Baird, Karen and son-in-law Gordon MacGregor, Sons, Blake Ford and William Ford, with his Fiance' Heidi Adgalanis, and his grandchildren, Jennifer Dunbar and husband Nicholas, and Stephanie Nguyen. Four Great-grandchildren, Teagan and Emrick Klember, and Alexandria and Melina Nguyen. Along with his two cousins and several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, Richard is predeceased by his brother Gilbert Ford and his favortite grandson, Matthew Hampton. A celebration of Richard's life willl be held at 329 Buff Cap Rd., Tolland CT on his Birthday, March 12, 2022. All are welcomed to this open house celebration between 1-5 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Heart Association, in honor of Richard B. Ford.

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Kalisz, Krystyna



Krystyna Kalisz, 61, of South Windsor, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at her home. Born in Nowe Zukowice, Poland on March 13, 1960, daughter of the late Czeslaw and Genowefa (Witek) Kalisz, she was raised in Poland and immigrated to the United States with her family in 1964. After living in Westfield, MA for a brief time, she settled in Hartford with her family and was a graduate of Bulkeley High School. After high school, Krystyna continued her education at the Morse School of Business and later took a position in the information technology department at The Hartford Insurance Company where she worked for many years. For the last 10 years, Krystyna had worked at Atlas Driving School in West Hartford where she was a bookkeeper and driving instructor. Krystyna's central focus in life was her family whom she lovingly cared for throughout her life. She was a parishioner of SS. Cyril & Methodius Church in Hartford for most of her life. She leaves a brother, Theodore Kalisz and his wife Rosalie of Marlborough; a nephew and niece, Michael and Katie Kalisz both of Marlborough; an aunt, Irene Fanelli of Wethersfield; two cousins, Richard Fanelli of Newington and Robert Fanelli of Wethersfield; and many other aunts, uncles, and cousins in Poland. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by two brothers, John and Robert Kalisz; and a sister, Kasia Kalisz. Her family will receive friends on Thursday, March 10, 9-10 a.m., at the Waszkelewicz South Green Memorial Home, 43 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford, followed by Mass of Christian Burial, 10:30 a.m., at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, Hartford. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery, Westfield, MA. Memorial donations may be made to SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, 55 Charter Oak Ave., Hartford, CT 06106. For online condolences please visit, [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).



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Suber Jr., Elijah



Elijah Suber, Jr., 82, of West Hartford, beloved husband for 38 years of Myrtle Haile-Suber, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 7, 2022, at Hartford Hospital. Born in Easley, SC on April 23, 1939, he was raised in Easley, SC and had lived in West Hartford for over 30 years. After graduating from high school, Elijah enlisted in the US Air Force and after his honorable discharge, he moved to Connecticut. Elijah worked as a Hartford Police Officer and for the Connecticut Department of Corrections before taking a position as a police officer with the Town of West Hartford in 1971. He served the town for over 25 years until his retirement in 1996. During his retirement, Elijah worked as a school crossing guard for King Philip Middle School in West Hartford for many years. In his spare time, he enjoyed reading, exercising, and taking walks by the reservoir in West Hartford. Most of all, Elijah enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, and always looked forward to a lively debate. Besides his wife, he leaves a host of other relatives and friends in Connecticut and South Carolina. His family will receive friends on Friday, March 11, 4-7 p.m., at the Carmon Windsor Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. Burial with Military Honors will be private in Mountain View Cemetery, Lenox, MA. Memorial donations may be made to the Sickle Cell Disease Foundation, 3602 Inland Empire Blvd, Suite C315, Ontario, CA 91764. For online condolences please visit, [www.carmonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carmonfuneralhome.com).



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## Report: Driver texting in fatal crash

Man allegedly was arguing with wife when he struck Enfield teen

By Christine Dempsey  
Hartford Courant

A driver was texting his wife during a back-and-forth argument when he struck and killed a 14-year-old Enfield High School freshman in East Windsor on Sunday, a police report shows. Jesse Pincince, 37, of Ellington also was on medication for a back

problem and is legally blind in one eye, it said. He was arrested on charges that include second-degree manslaughter and negligent homicide with a motor vehicle and remains in custody at the Hartford Correction Center on \$200,000 bail. Police said Tuesday that the girl who died was Jaylene Gonzalez of Enfield. Those who knew her said the teen was sweet, with a bright personality and strong soccer skills. “We will miss watching Jaylene on the soccer field,” said one donor

to a GoFundMe fundraiser for her funeral — which has surpassed its goal of \$30,000. “She never gave up and was a wonderful teammate to all the girls.” “She was always a bundle of joy,” said another. “She was always smiling and always trying to make someone laugh.” According to the report, police fielded 911 calls about the GMC pickup Pincince was driving in the minutes before the deadly collision. One witness said she was headed north on I-91 and saw the truck, with its distinctive license

plate, IFLIP, “swerving all over the highway and nearly strike at least two, maybe three vehicles.” The truck had drifted from the center lane into the left lane, where it almost struck a car, and then “drifted back across the highway, across all three lanes and nearly struck a vehicle in the right-hand lane,” the report said. One car had to drive off the highway to avoid a collision. The truck got off the highway at Exit 45 and stopped at the red light at the end of the exit ramp, but failed to move when the light

turned green, the report said. Cars started beeping at the driver, who then turned right onto Route 140. The witness told police the truck then went through a red light at the intersection of routes 140 and 5. She stopped for the light and when the it turned green, she drove straight on Route 140, or North Road. When she got to Bassdale Plaza, she saw that the pickup driver had pulled over and was running toward a girl lying on the side of the road, the report said.

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Miguel Guevara, center, and personal care assistant Louis Morales talk and offer doughnuts to a driver in front of the governor's mansion during a Tuesday morning effort to raise awareness of what they say is a critical need for investment in home care workers. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

## Business group backs child care funding bill

To address ‘dire’ situation, legislation would boost services

By Stephen Singer  
Hartford Courant

The child care industry is struggling to attract workers, drawing the attention of Connecticut’s largest business group that backs state legislation to boost funding to help parents return to the labor force and reverse a labor shortage. The state Senate’s Democratic majority has proposed legislation that would expand support services to address the impact of COVID-19 on childhood depression, anxiety and developmental delays. Legislation doesn’t yet specify details, but the measure would increase funding to the state Office of Early Childhood’s child care program for low- to moderate-income families known as Care4Kids.

State Sen. Saud Anwar, co-chairman of the Committee on Children, said he hopes the General Assembly will enact the bill by the end of the legislative session in May and send it to Gov. Ned Lamont.

“We are hopeful because this industry is going to die if we don’t intervene,” said Anwar, a South Windsor Democrat. “It’s that dire.”

Federal help is not in the works. Money for child care was part of President Joe Biden’s “Build Back Better” spending initiative that stalled in Congress.

Anwar said details are not available on how much state funding will be part of the budget that’s being drafted.

The legislation would expand preschool and mental and behavioral health services and expand child mentoring and civic engagement programs by increasing funding to the Department of Children and Families for child welfare and support services.

The Connecticut Business & Industry Association said employers in the state adapted to the pandemic over the last two years by expanding flexible sched-

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## ‘We’re just asking for what should be right’

Home care workers rally at governor’s residence, Capitol over pay, benefits

By Alex Putterman  
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Home care workers gathered Tuesday at the governor’s residence and then the state Capitol to lobby Gov. Ned Lamont to meet their demands for higher pay and basic benefits.

The unionized workers, who are part of SEIU District 1199NE, invited Lamont to “walk a day in our shoes” to understand the life of a personal care attendant.

“Most of us have hard times trying to pay the bills with what little money we get,” said Cynthia Hunter, who was a personal

care attendant until last year but has stayed active with the union. “[The governor] needs to walk in our shoes to understand that [our work] does matter.”

Tuesday’s action was the latest in a series of union escalations that also included a letter to state lawmakers and a protest near the Capitol in mid-February at which 20 workers and their supporters were arrested after blocking a major intersection.

Outside the governor’s residence Tuesday, about a half-dozen home care workers passed out flyers and doughnuts to drivers passing by. The handouts invited people to call Lamont “and tell him CT’s 10,000

home care providers deserve health insurance, paid sick days and living wages.”

The workers said they were seeking a “pathway to \$20 an hour,” along with health insurance, vacation time and a retirement plan.

“I’m here to fight for my right to have good benefits, to have a good salary, health insurance,” Eva Santiago, a personal care attendant who is part of the union, said in Spanish. “We’re all here in the struggle, struggling to be able to live well, to give a better life to our family.”

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ELEANOR LEE MCGEE STREET 1943-2022

## Priest blazed trail for female clergy in Episcopal Church

Yale Divinity School grad’s 1975 ordination was unauthorized

By Daniela Altimari  
Hartford Courant

The Rev. Eleanor Lee McGee Street, a Yale Divinity School graduate whose unauthorized ordination as a priest in the Episcopal Church in the 1970s blazed a trail for female clergy within the denomination, died on Feb. 21 at her home in Hamden. She was 78. Her son Kyle M. McGee II confirmed her death and said the cause was unknown. She had struggled with arthritis and other health issues in recent years.

McGee Street was part of a network within the Episcopal Church who agitated for the



The Rev. Eleanor Lee McGee Street’s unauthorized ordination in the Episcopal Church in 1975 paved the way for female clergy in the denomination. COURTESY

ordination of women priests. In 1975, two years after the church’s general convention reaffirmed

the male-only standard for the priesthood, she joined three other women in a “bootleg ceremony.”

Even before the ceremony, the unauthorized move touched off a swift backlash: The bishop who defied church law to make McGee Street a priest was briefly suspended and the church received bomb threats, said Kyle McGee.

Tight security was put in place before to the ceremony at the Church of St. Stephen and the Incarnation in Washington, D.C. The women had an escape plan in case there was violence or the ceremony was interrupted, according to her obituary in the New Haven Register, but ultimately, the ordination occurred without incident before a crowd of more than 1,000 people.

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## Breeze Airways, Avelo Airlines announce new set of nonstop routes

Ukraine conflict raises prospect of increased fares across industry

By Kenneth R. Gosselin  
Hartford Courant

Two startup airlines — Breeze Airways and Avelo Airlines — announced nonstop route expansions at Connecticut airports Tuesday, as surging oil prices tied to the armed conflict in Ukraine send jet fuel prices soaring and raise the prospect for industry-wide increased fares.

Breeze said it will add in June six of the eight new, nonstop destinations that had been planned for Bradley International Airport, but the low-cost airline is holding off — for now — on the rest as it monitors rising fuel prices.

The six new destinations are Nashville, Tenn.; Akron/Canton, Ohio; Savannah, Georgia; Richmond, Virginia, and Jacksonville and Sarasota/Bradenton, Florida.

All but Nashville — currently served by Southwest Airlines — are new nonstop routes for Bradley.

Gareth Edmondson-Jones, a Breeze spokesman, said in a text that the airline still intends to bring eight new destinations to Bradley, but “let’s see where fuel goes, and we’ll add the other two as soon as we can.”

Meanwhile, low-cost rival Avelo on Tuesday announced it would add three new, nonstop destinations from its East Coast hub at Tweed-New Haven Airport: Baltimore-Washington D.C., Raleigh-Durham, North

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Manchester moves to seize ‘emaciated’ dog that doctor believes was neglected

By Jesse Leavenworth  
Hartford Courant

Manchester officials have moved to seize a dog that appeared to be intentionally starved, according to a court filing this week.

The town petitioned for custody of the dog after a veterinary exam on Feb. 26 found the 7-year-old Boston Terrier emaciated, dehydrated and “ice cold to the touch,” according to court documents. The neutered dog weighed 12 pounds, about half the weight recorded at his last exam nearly four years earlier, the town’s petition says.

The dog’s owner brought the dog to Bolton Veterinary Hospital, saying the dog had been losing weight for three weeks despite a good appetite, Manchester animal control Officer Elease Polek-McConnell

said in the town’s petition.

A blood sample showed a low white blood cell count, indicating overwhelming infection or sepsis, Dr. Sonja Kos told officials. The dog was given antibiotics and a small bowl of food, which he consumed “ravenously,” the court filing says.

The dog “devoured every meal subsequently fed to him, leading the hospital’s staff to conclude his appetite is clearly not an issue,” the court filing says.

The hospital also fitted the dog with a fleece jacket to help him conserve body heat since he had no appreciable body fat. The dog’s license had lapsed and he did not have a current rabies vaccination, town officials said. Kos found that the dog’s “needs, including timely medical care in the face of prolonged and pronounced weight loss,

have been neglected and have been neglected for quite some time,” the court petition says.

Reached by phone Tuesday, the woman said charges of intentional mistreatment are false.

“We love our dogs and we’ve taken care of (the dog) for seven years,” she said, adding that she’d recently given birth.

But the owner said she is working with an attorney to get the dog back. She said the dog’s condition must be due to “something else internally” and she wants another veterinarian to look at him.

“We absolutely did not intentionally starve him or anything like that,” she said.

The dog’s owner also had a second dog in the house, Rebel, which has received continued veterinary care since 2018 to the present time, Polek-McConnell said.

Unlike the ailing dog, Rebel appeared to be healthy, she said in the court filing.

“The juxtaposition of the conditions of the two dogs leads the ACO to believe that the owner’s mistreatment of (the ailing dog) rises above mere neglect to the level of intentional mistreatment,” the court filing says.

Polek-McConnell called the owner on March 2 and asked that she voluntarily surrender the dog to the town, but she refused, according to the court filing. The town has taken temporary custody based on Polek-McConnell’s belief that the dog is in danger of imminent harm. The dog is to remain in town custody until further order of the court.

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RI man gets life in 2018 fatal stabbing of East Lyme man

Associated Press

WESTERLY, R.I. — A Rhode Island man has been sentenced to life in prison in the stabbing death of his ex-girlfriend’s new romantic partner, prosecutors said Tuesday.

Nelson Dearce, 54, of Westerly, was sentenced Monday after pleading no contest to second-degree murder and domestic assault with a dangerous weapon in the January 2018 death of Jeremy Lehmann, according to a statement from the office of state Attorney General Peter Neronha.

Dearce had separated from his longtime partner and the mother of his four children, but continued to

live in the same home with her, prosecutors said.

While the two continued to live together, the woman began a romantic relationship with Lehmann, of East Lyme, Connecticut, authorities said.

On the day of the killing, Dearce returned home early from work, found Lehmann in the home, cornered him in a bathroom, and used a knife to stab and slash the victim 57 times, prosecutors said. The victim was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Dearce’s trial in May 2021 ended in a mistrial when the jury was unable to reach a verdict. Prosecutors had intended to try the case again.

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Despite the intensity of the backlash, McGee Street never wavered, her son said.

“She was fierce and she would not back down from pressures from male-dominated spaces,” Kyle McGee said. “She always believed strongly that women’s voices were paramount to what the church’s mission was.” She later wrote a book about women’s voices in preaching titled “Wrestling with the Patriarchs.”

After the ordination, McGee Street received a letter barring her from functioning as a priest; she could not perform marriages or funerals or preside at holy communion services.

“It was a hard time,” she told The Courant in 1989. Being barred from the priesthood’s most sacred responsibilities created a “sense of marginality,” she said. “It’s as if the bishop has placed his hand between you and the people.”

In 1976, the Episcopal Church authorized the ordination of women and McGee Street was finally licensed as a priest. She served the church as a chaplain at Trinity College and as co-rector, along with her first husband, Kyle McGee, of St. Paul’s Church in New Haven. She was also a professor at Yale Divinity School, and a priest associate at Christ Church in New Haven.

copal church and a hotbed of social activism for civil rights, women’s equality and gay and lesbian civil liberties.

“It was a historic church and extremely progressive,” her son said.

McGee Street became the first female chaplain and assistant director of campus ministry at American University in Washington, according to her obituary.

The couple came to Connecticut in 1981 and shared the rectorship at St. Paul’s in New Haven. It was a lively church in a cosmopolitan neighborhood that included the city’s Little Italy. They divorced in 1993 and in 2000, she married C. Parke Street, who was also an Episcopal minister.

At 26, McGee Street was diagnosed with a rare, genetic eye disease that causes a slow loss of central vision in both eyes. Eventually she became legally blind, with only peripheral sight. She relied on a series of guide dogs to enhance her mobility; Max, her last dog died a week before her.

McGee Street served as a mentor and friend to several generations of younger women in the church, her son said.

In 1989, she was among the large crowd in the Hynes Auditorium in Boston to watch as Barbara Harris was consecrated as the Episcopal Church’s first woman bishop.

“When I heard she was elected, I was absolutely elated,” McGee Street told The Courant at the time. “I had great hope, but I didn’t think it would happen in my lifetime.” The church, she added, “continues to surprise me and it is one of the things that keeps me in the church.”

In addition to her son Kyle and his wife, Sophia Salguero McGee, she is survived by her son Matthew McGee and his wife Janet Mahon; two grandchildren; her brother, Joseph Hofmann, and his wife Mary; her nephew Chris Hofmann; and three stepchildren: Claude Parke Street 4th, Laura Street and Susannah Vitaglione.

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Carolina, and Chicago.

The Avelo flights will begin May 26 and bring the number of Avelo’s destinations from Tweed to 13. Avelo launched its first flights from Tweed in November and has now served 100,000 passengers.

Andrew Levy, Avelo’s chairman and chief executive, said the cost of fuel is an airline’s biggest expense, so Avelo is following the oil markets closely. As of yet, the airline has not been forced to raise fares.



Avelo Airlines debuted at Tweed-New Haven Airport in November. **KENNETH R. GOSSELIN/HARTFORD COURANT**

“Clearly, the more that fuel costs, the more we need to pass that through and the higher fare we have to offer,” Levy said. “If we have to push up price to cover it, so do other airlines at other airports in the area.”

A slowdown in air travel would come just as passenger volume has begun picking up from a devastating downturn in the pandemic.

“Obviously, the higher the cost of travel is, the less travel there will be,” Levy said.

On Tuesday, President Joe Biden said the U.S. would stop buying oil exported by Russia. While Russia supplies little oil to the U.S., one of the world’s largest oil producers, the ban will cut into supplies,

pushing gas — and jet fuel — prices higher.

Higher costs also can lead to airlines cutting back temporarily on the frequency some routes are traveled.

Two weeks ago, Breeze joined with Gov. Ned Lamont and other officials in a splashy announcement of a significant expansion of the airline at Bradley. The expansion included eight new routes and the opening of an operations hub at the airport, creating more than 200 new jobs.

Trey Urbahn, a Breeze board member, also said Tuesday fuel is the major cost for any airline but that Breeze’s new fleet of A220s are more fuel efficient aircraft.

“Obviously, we don’t know how long this situation, where fuel has gone up 50% in two weeks” is going to last, Urbahn said. “How long it is going to stay there, nobody knows. Even at \$120 [a barrel] for oil, we know we can do a lot more in Hartford, and we intend to.”

Urbahn said Breeze is committed to its low-fare strategy.

“Obviously, we’re not in the business of losing money,” Urbahn said. “On the other hand, we’re in the business of developing an airline longer term. And one of the things we believe in very strongly is we want to introduce people to our products, who haven’t flown us.”

The starting one-way fares for the destinations announced Tuesday are \$39 to \$69, Urbahn said.

Kevin A. Dillon, executive director of the Connecticut Airport Authority, which oversees Bradley’s operations, said that he expects “all carriers will become more cautious right now as the cost of oil is skyrocketing.”

Even amid uncertainty over fuel prices, Dillon said the new routes announced Tuesday by Breeze represent a significant expansion of options for travelers out of Bradley, “supporting continued and strategic growth at Bradley International Airport.”

All the new Breeze routes will begin flying June 3, with the exception of Sarasota/Bradenton, which launches on June 4.

Breeze currently provides service from Bradley to Columbus, Ohio; Norfolk, Virginia; Pittsburgh and Charleston, SC.

Breeze, a Salt Lake City-based startup airline, first launched at Bradley in June 2021. The airline was founded by David Neeleman with the strategy of offering “point to point” service from smaller, secondary airports.

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uling and remote work, promoting vaccines, maintaining safe workplaces and reducing employee hours.

Still, job openings in December 2021 totaled 110,000, up two-thirds in a year.

“Childcare challenges are among the many contributing factors behind the state’s labor shortage crisis,” CBIA said.

In a survey of member businesses, 80% of employers said they struggled to find and keep workers, CBIA said. More than one-third of businesses said the labor shortage is the greatest threat to growth.

Connecticut’s labor force, which is recovering from a steep employment drop in

the spring of 2020 at the start of the pandemic, is down 4.5% from January 2020, the pre-COVID-19 peak. At the outset of the pandemic when Lamont and state public health officials ordered most businesses shut, employment was down more than 17%.

Chris DiPentima, president of the CBIA, said factors driving the labor shortage include COVID-19 concerns, child care challenges, insufficient or mismatched workforce development, supply chain disruptions, shifting work and career expectations, the state’s high cost of living, and its aging population.

“Some of those factors are structural and predate the pandemic, while COVID accelerated the impact of others, particularly the state’s aging workforce and atti-

tudes about work,” he said.

Carol O’Donnell, executive director of the Connecticut Early Childhood Funder Collaborative, said pay is a key reason the industry is losing workers. The median salary in Connecticut of \$13.45 an hour falls short of Amazon, Target and other retailers that are paying \$15 an hour or more, she said.

Even before the pandemic, child care centers were down by as many 50,000 workers for infants and toddlers, O’Donnell said. More recently, Waterbury and Hartford were forced to close classrooms for preschool children age 3 and 4. The decision affected 800 children, she said.

“At this point we need to stabilize the industry or it won’t be there,” O’Donnell

said.

Anwar said that without child care, young employees will not be able to work.

“That’s the first domino that falls on the workforce,” he said.

A long-term strategy to support the child care industry includes providing health insurance for workers and figuring out how the state Office of Early Childhood can help child care businesses with diapers and other supplies, he said.

The legislation also contemplates community college courses for prospective child care workers, Anwar said. “We’re identifying long-term strategies for a very tough industry right now,” he said.

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The workers who protested Tuesday are among about 10,000 personal care attendants paid by the state to care for elderly and disabled residents at home. They are not a part of State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition, the bargaining coalition that reached a tentative agreement with the state on a new contract Tuesday.

According to the union, most of the personal care attendants are women, and many are Black or Latino.

“We’re working. We aren’t asking for hand-outs,” said Luis Morales, who works as a personal care attendant in Bristol. “We’re just asking for what should be right and respectful, especially taking care of

people who can’t take care of themselves.”

Later Tuesday, the workers stopped by the Capitol, where they spoke briefly with Lamont’s chief of staff, Paul Mounds, outside the governor’s office and dropped off a box of doughnuts.

A Lamont spokesperson declined comment on the home care workers’ demands.

Terrell Williams, a personal care attendant in New Haven, said he works three jobs totaling 60 hours a week and still can’t afford health insurance. That means he often can’t pay for the insulin he needs to treat his diabetes.

At one point recently, his vision became blurry, which doctors attributed to the lack of insulin.

“It scared the heck out of me,” said Williams, who

eventually secured insulin only after his income dropped low enough that he qualified for HUSKY. “I can’t make a living if I’m blind.”

As some home care workers gathered Tuesday morning at the governor’s residence, others were busy with court-ordered community service — the result of the mid-February action in which they blocked the intersection of Capitol Avenue and Trinity, Washington and Lafayette streets.

Iva Johnson, an organizer with 1199NE, said the union wanted to make a strong statement to Lamont that its workers deserved better wages and benefits, possibly coming from the state’s rainy day fund or from money that flowed into Connecticut from the federal government.

“We want to make sure

the governor knows we are the ones who deserve that money,” she said.

In a letter to Lamont and other state officials shared with The Courant on Tuesday, union leaders cited high rates of turnover among personal care attendants, which they attributed to poor wages and benefits.

“Fulfilling work may fill our hearts, but it doesn’t fill our bellies or buy our needed prescriptions,” the letter read. “Among us we have medical debt that threatens to bankrupt us due to being uninsured; we’re at risk of eviction or have been evicted from our homes; we work multiple jobs up to 100 hours a week and still can’t keep our heads above water.”

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The first officer to respond performed CPR on the girl. Another officer talked to the girl’s distraught 12-year-old friend, who told police the truck “came out of nowhere and struck her friend,” the report said.

The officer also talked to Pincince, who was “visibly upset,” it said. “Pincince stated he had been texting with his wife and they were arguing.”

“J. Pincince stated he had ‘looked down for a second’ when it happened. Asked what made him look down, he acknowledged that he had been checking his cell phone, the report said.

Pincince said “he had gotten a reply from his wife and had looked down at his phone when it went off,” according to the report.

He passed field sobri-

ety tests but appeared to have constricted pupils and to talk slowly, the officer wrote in the report.

Pincince said he is on medication for back problems, but he could not recall what type, the report said.

Pincince also said he is legally blind in his right eye. His driver’s license has a notation that he is supposed to wear glasses, but he was not wearing them, according to the report.

South Windsor Officer Kevin Geraci, a drug recognition expert, was called to the scene to evaluate Pincince. Geraci said while he did not appear to be under the influence of substances, “he had concerns with J. Pincince driving with all of the medical issues he has,” the report said.

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# DeNardis will try to unseat DeLauro

Ex-professor aims to become first Republican to win in 3rd District since her father

By Dave Collins  
Associated Press

Republican Lesley DeNardis announced Tuesday that she is running against Connecticut Democratic U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro in this year's election, in an attempt to become the first GOP member to hold the 3rd District seat since her father in the early 1980s.

The retired political science professor, of Hamden, cited voters' "frustration and disappointment" with elected officials in Washington, particularly over rising gas

and food prices, increasing crime and government mandates.

"We have one-party control in Congress and an entrenched incumbent who has been in office for over thirty years," DeNardis said in a statement. "She no longer understands or is in touch with the concerns of Connecticut residents. We need new representation in our district. It is time for a change."

A message seeking comment was left for DeLauro's office. She was first elected to the New Haven-area congressional seat in 1990 and is now chair of the powerful House Appropriations Committee.



DeNardis

DeNardis' father, Lawrence DeNardis, who died in 2018, was the last Republican to hold the seat in the now heavily Democratic 3rd District, winning one term in 1980 as Ronald Reagan was elected president. He lost in both 1982 and 1984 to Democrat Bruce Morrison, and later served as president of the University of New Haven.

Also running against DeLauro is Libertarian candidate Amy Chai, a medical doctor.

Republicans have not held a House seat in Connecticut since former Rep. Chris Shays lost the 4th District race in 2008 to current Democratic Rep. Jim Himes. The GOP this year has been targeting Democratic Reps. Jahana Hayes in the 4th District and Joe Courtney in the 2nd District.

In the 4th District, Republican Jayme Stevenson, former first selectwoman of

Darien, recently announced she was running against Himes.

Lesley DeNardis has been active in local politics in Hamden, serving on the Legislative Council after holding seats on the school board and planning and zoning commission.

She recently retired from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, where she taught political science and directed the school's polling. She has been working as a real estate agent.

Her campaign site says she favors "limited government, economic freedom, individual liberty and opportunity for all."

DeLauro has touted her work on behalf of families, women and children, including continuing efforts to raise the minimum wage, provide paid family and medical leave, obtain equal pay for women and expand the child tax credit.

## More snow on the way

By Christine Dempsey  
Hartford Courant

Winter isn't done yet. Wednesday will bring snow to Connecticut, but it won't add up to much, meteorologists say.

**When will it snow?**

All day, although there may be times when it switches to rain before turning back into snow, says Gary Lessor, of Western Connecticut State University.

**What time will it start?**

For those in the southwestern part of the state, the snow will start at daybreak. For those in the northeast, it will begin to fall mid-to-late morning, says Lessor, chief meteorologist of Western's Connecticut Weather Center.

**How will it affect the morning commute?**

"The I-95 corridor could be a little slick for the morning commute," he says. "The rest of the state should be fine."

**When will it stop?**

"It all winds down Wednesday evening," Lessor says.

**How much snow will fall?**

It depends on where you are. There will be more snow on grass than on the pavement, and more in hilly areas.

"So we're saying up to about 3 inches, statewide," Lessor says. "Maybe the higher elevations, a bit higher than that."

**What kind of snow will this be?**

Wet. But if you don't feel like shoveling, it will melt. Thursday is expected to be partly sunny, with the temperature reaching 45-50 degrees.

"As long as you're patient, it'll go away," Lessor says.

**What does the weekend weather look like?**

Friday also will be near 50, with increasing clouds. The lows will dip into the 20s, but the temperature will rise Saturday — the day of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Hartford — when it will rain.

"Not the best day for a parade," Lessor says.

Sunday will bring mixed sun and clouds and windy weather with temperatures in the mid-40s, he says.

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## Enfield man pleads guilty to VA fraud

Staff report

An Enfield man has pleaded guilty to an offense related to his theft of nearly \$70,000 from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, according to federal authorities.

Derrick Brewer, 37, pleaded guilty via video-conference before U.S. District Judge Sarala V. Nagala to one count of theft of government funds, according to federal authorities.

Brewer submitted paperwork to the VA offices in Hartford in March 2018 as part of an application for service-connected disability benefits, according to federal officials, who cited court documents and statements made in court.

Authorities said in a statement that Brewer submitted a form known as a "DD-214," which "indicated that his discharge from his former service in the U.S. Coast Guard was characterized as 'Honorable.'"

However, the DD-214 "had been altered prior to its submission, as official Coast Guard records show that Brewer's discharge was characterized as 'Other Than Honorable Conditions' following Brewer's convictions under the Uniform Code of Military Justice," federal authorities said in the statement. "There is no record of the discharge characterization ever having been upgraded."

As a result of the submission, Brewer collected approximately \$69,584.16 in VA benefits from March 2018 through September 2020, federal authorities said in the statement.

Brewer was arrested on a criminal complaint on Oct. 29, 2020.

The charge of theft of government funds carries a maximum prison term of 10 years, federal authorities said. Nagala scheduled sentencing for May 27, 2022. Brewer is free on a \$10,000 bond pending sentencing, federal authorities said in the statement.

The case matter was investigated by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of the Inspector General, Northeast Field Office, and the Coast Guard Investigative Service. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Elena L. Coronado and Margaret M. Donovan.



John and Luis Pepe own and operate the LGBTQ+ club and restaurant Chez Est in Hartford. **NEW HAVEN PRIDE CENTER PHOTOS**



Kamora Le'Ella Herrington, founder of Kamora's Cultural Corner in Hartford.

# Dorothy Awards to honor these six LGBTQ+ icons

Nominations from community named those who are creating positive change

By Christopher Arnott  
Hartford Courant

Once a year New Haven Pride Center, one of the state's leading LGBTQ-focused organizations, honors a handful of people impacting and creating positive change for the community.

The Dorothy Awards will this year honor John and Luis Pepe of Chez Est, Kamora Le'Ella Herrington of Kamora's Cultural Corner, gender-affirming medical specialist Dr. AJ Eckert, community organizer Jaime Myers-McPhail and high school student activist Dave Cruz-Bustamante at a gala Saturday at Southern Connecticut State University's Lyman Center.

Nominations for Dorothy Awards come from the LGBTQ+ community at large and are reviewed by the Pride Center's staff. New Haven Pride Center Executive Director Patrick Dunn, who been director for the past five years, says the center has worked to expand and diversify the list of recipients.

"My first year here, it was all white cis folks," Dunn said, "and we needed to change that. Also, just because someone's work doesn't directly affect the LGBTQ+ community doesn't mean they shouldn't be considered. We can't just honor people working for marriage equality or trans rights bills, as important as those things are."

"All social movements are queer movements. Kamora, for instance, is a racial justice activist who is also an LGBTQ youth activist. Someone like Jaime may not be the most obvious choice, but their work ripples out across the state. We always try to have that balance."

Dunn introduced the honorees in a recent phone conversation with The Courant.

**John and Luis Pepe of Chez Est**

"The Chez is a really fabulous community gathering space," Dunn said. "John and Luis, a married couple, practically saved the drag community during the pandemic. They started doing virtual shows out of their bar, so people could make money."

John doubled down, paying our full salaries even if there were only five people in the club. Fortunately, they installed kitchens right before the pandemic, so that The Chez could reopen as a restaurant, when clubs that didn't serve food had to wait to reopen. It's the only reason they survived the pandemic."

### Kamora Le'Ella Herrington

"Kamora is someone I look up to in so many ways," Dunn said. "Everything I do, I channel Kamora in some way or form. The way she holds space for Black and brown queer people is unmatched in our state. She holds space for someone to learn, but also to hold them accountable, correcting them carefully if they are misgendering or using the wrong pronouns. That's a real gift, and she's been doing this for decades. When I realized we had not honored her yet, it was shocking to me."

### Dr. AJ Eckert

"Dr. Eckert used to practice in the Hartford area," Dunn said. "They're brilliant at working with trans people. We are blessed in Connecticut to have so many doctors skilled with trans issues, when the statistic nationally is that three out of four trans people have to educate their doctors. Dr. Eckert originally had their practice in the Hartford area. Then they merged with Anchor Health and then they became the medical director at Anchor Health, which has offices in Hamden and Stamford."

### Jaime Myers McPhail

"Jaime Myers McPhail is an incredible human rights and workers rights activist with New Haven Rising," Dunn said. "They do social justice and racial justice work to break down the distrust among communities that oppress everyone collectively. I've had the privilege of hearing them speak. They had probably one of the most powerful nominations, the way people spoke of them as a leader for change. What Jaime does is at the intersection of all social rights movements."

### Dave Cruz-Bustamante

"Dave Cruz-Bustamante is our Rising Star; we give a Rising Star award most years but not every year," Dunn said. "Dave may be the youngest to ever receive it. They're involved with the Citywide Youth Coalition and were very involved with the Black Lives Matter youth rally in New Haven following the murder of George Floyd. They've been pushing back against police brutality in the schools. They're so brilliant. They're going to be a fierce, fierce leader in the community."

Saturday's 7:30 p.m. event will be hosted by Kiki Lucia, Dunn's drag alter ego, and besides the award presentations will feature performances by an extraordinary lineup of top Connecticut drag queens and drag kings: Laiylah A.W. Laiylah, Bubblicious, Rory Roux Lay, Crystal Starz, Midnight, Mia E Z' Lay, Giganta Smalls, Natalia Fiercé, Astra S' Lay, Amethyst, Miss Frank, Tiana Maxim Rose, Loosey LaDuca, Frankie M. Cyanide, Frankie M. Cyanide, Paxx Headroom, Roger Plotz, Perry Winkle, Barbra Joan Streetsand and host Kiki Lucia. There's also a celebrity headliner from Florida, Roxxy Andrews, who appeared on both "RuPaul's Drag Race" and "RuPaul's Drag Race All-Stars."

Dunn says the roster covers "probably six generations of drag in Connecticut, from Bubbles [aka Bubblicious, a founder of the contemporary New Haven drag scene] to the newest and upcoming," noting that "drag generations differ from human generations, happening every two or three years." Many of the drag performers will be part of group routines. There will be both lip-syncing and live singing.

A dinner is held before the main event, at 5:30 p.m., with food prepared by celebrated Connecticut chefs and music from singer-songwriter Carrie Ashton and jazz saxophonist Marc Esposito. Tickets to the dinner have sold out, but tickets are still available for the awards ceremony for \$15 or \$30.

For information and tickets, visit [newhavenpridecenter.org/support-us/the-dorothy-awards](http://newhavenpridecenter.org/support-us/the-dorothy-awards).

Christopher Arnott can be reached at [carnott@courant.com](mailto:carnott@courant.com).



Dr. AJ Eckert, of Anchor Health.



Jamie Myers-McPhail, lead organizer at New Haven Rising.



Activist teen Dave John Cruz-Bustamante, the Dorothy Awards "Rising Star" for 2022.



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## VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

State Project No. 0172-0512

**Installation of Centerline Rumble Strips on sections of Route 153 (Westbrook Road/Plains Road)**  
**Town of Essex**

Residents, commuters, business owners, and other interested individuals are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about and discuss the proposed project.

Please join us on Wednesday, March 23, 2022

The meeting will be live streamed via:  
Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live

Formal Presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m.  
Question and Answer (Q&A) session will immediately follow the presentation.

Instructions on how to access the meeting and on how to provide comments or ask questions, can be found at the project webpage:  
<https://portal.ct.gov/DOTESsex172-512>

The public informational meeting is being held to provide the public and local community the opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed project. Persons with limited internet access may request that project information be mailed to them by contacting Ms. Natasha Fatu by email at [TrafficSafety.DOT@ct.gov](mailto:TrafficSafety.DOT@ct.gov) or by phone at (860) 594-2731. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF DECISIONS**  
**MIDDLETOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MARCH 3, 2022**

Approved a variance of Section 21.02 for the minimum front yard requirement to construct an extension of a covered porch and a new dining room at 35 Fairview Avenue. Applicant/agent Ann C. Burke V2022-1

Steven Kovach, Chair  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
3/9/2022 7163785

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
ESTATE OF Bonnie K. Roberts (22-0103)

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Rosemary L. Nolin, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
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3/9/2022 7164567

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
ESTATE OF Roy L. Gronholm, Jr. (22-0097)

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The fiduciary is:  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
ESTATE OF John C. Newsome, Jr. (22-0077)

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Rosemary L. Nolin, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
ESTATE OF Henry Budney (22-00050)

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
ESTATE OF Paula K. Feder, Late of Centerbrook, AKA Paula Kurzband Feder (22-0100)

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Jacqueline Craco, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
ESTATE OF Jeffrey Kernan Stone, Late of Westbrook (21-0615)

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Jacqueline Craco, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:  
Cassandra Rodriguez, 620 Baychester Ave., Apt. 17F, Bronx, NY 10475  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
ESTATE OF Mary C. Schroeder, Late of Lyme, AKA Mary Caldwell Schroeder (22-0037)

The Hon. Peter C. Barrett, Acting, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Saybrook Probate Court, by decree dated February 18, 2022, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Jacqueline Craco, Assistant Clerk

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What if the idea of an inevitable midlife crisis is nothing more than a social construct? Studies have shown that most people in middle age are happy. DREAMSTIME

# Crisis or opportunity?

For women, midlife can look very different than it does for men

By Nedra Rhone | Atlanta Journal-Constitution

We all know the gender stereotypes of a midlife crisis. Men buy fancy sports cars. Women get plastic surgery. But what if the idea of an inevitable midlife crisis is nothing more than a social construct?

Studies have shown that most people in middle age, which spans the decades from 40s to 60s, are happy. If they are happy, they are less likely to experience a midlife crisis, a period of regret or self-reflection that can last a few years to a full decade.

According to one study, about 25% of Americans over the age of 35 believe they have experienced a midlife crisis — a period characterized by feelings of boredom, emptiness and unfulfillment, among others. For those who do experience this transition, it can feel overwhelming.

And yet, only about 13% of those who desire help navigating a midlife crisis actually receive it. Women may find their concerns overlooked or dismissed because a midlife crisis in women can look very different than it does for men.

“We often shut down women who express disappointment or regret. Most people want the status quo and often don’t offer support,” said Susan Albers, a psychologist at the Women’s Health Center at the Wooster branch of Cleveland Clinic.

Age, she said, is only one factor in a midlife crisis. “External stressors, a loss or a significant change are often at the heart of a midlife crisis,” said Albers.

Women often experience a midlife crisis as it relates to their relationship to others, she said, such as changes in

their role as caretakers. “The shift in relationship makes a woman tune in and question who she is and what roles she may want to carry,” Albers said.

Also during midlife, women are experiencing a shift in hormones. They may experience additional shifts in mood and physiological changes, which are much different than what men are experiencing during that stage of life, said Albers.

The pandemic triggered many midlife crisis situations, particularly in regard to relationships and work. “People were running so fast on a hamster wheel and then the pandemic stopped the wheel when things shut down. It forced people to pause for a moment, look around and ask themselves how they got on this wheel, where is the wheel taking them, do they want to be on the wheel?” Albers said.

This does feel like a good moment to reexamine our lives, and while we’re at it, maybe take a fresh view of midlife crisis. Rather than casting it as something negative when all reason is lost, it should be viewed as a period to take stock of life, particularly if a person is living a life they want to change.

Those were the thoughts running through Catey Funaiock’s mind as she turned 40 in the midst of the pandemic.

“I just feel like I’m coming to terms with the fact that my life did not

turn out as I thought it would,” said Funaiock of Atlanta. “Growing up as a woman, you are told you go to college, meet a man, have a kid, buy a house. I didn’t wait for the guy to do those things, but he never came. Then my biological clock was ticking.”

Funaiock, a special education teacher who works with autistic children, was hit with a triple whammy during the pandemic. She lost her mom to lung cancer, parted ways with the man she was dating for almost two years and is embroiled in a lawsuit with the HOA of her condominium.

The pandemic made a tough job even tougher for Funaiock and countless other educators. “There are days where I am getting beat up a lot and physically my body can’t do it anymore,” she said. “But now with COVID, it has lifted the veil on the education system ... and I am not sure I want to be in education at all.”

It all left her feeling triggered and wondering what to do next.

“It is a lot of big decisions that I feel like I have to make and it feels overwhelming. The bigger questions start to weigh on me more than they used to,” Funaiock said.

Just prior to the pandemic, she began working evenings at Starbucks to get fertility benefits that would allow her to freeze her eggs at age 38. A few weeks before the stay-at-home orders, she met a man online and they decided to quarantine together. It was her first significant relationship in almost a decade. The recent divorcee and father of one did not envision a future with marriage or more children, but Funaiock still wanted to give the rela-

tionship a chance.

A few months after she froze her eggs, Funaiock’s mother grew gravely ill with stage 4 lung cancer. Her mother died in January 2021. By September, Funaiock and her boyfriend had broken up.

Now, Funaiock just feels as if she needs to start talking to someone — a therapist, a life coach — anyone qualified to help her think through all of the decisions to get her life back on track.

Albers supports therapy, journaling and holding off on making any drastic life changes, but she also suggests connecting with other women who may be feeling the same way.

“Midlife crisis needs to be rebranded as a midlife opportunity. It is an opportunity to take stock of your life and make changes. The term often gets a bad reputation being associated with affairs and going crazy. A more positive outlook is that it is taking time to reassess your values and roles,” Albers said.

Talking about how you feel with other women can help normalize feelings and emotions, she said.

Funaiock did find a therapist and a support group for women who share their experiences and commiserate with each other. She is hoping to sell her condo, buy a house and start over. And she’ll have to decide if she wants to continue paying \$600 per month to keep her eggs frozen.

I am wishing Funaiock well, along with every other woman on her journey through midlife. It doesn’t matter the path she takes to live the life she wants to live, it only matters that she has the freedom and the support to make those choices.

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## EX-ETIQUETTE

# Talk to ex about introducing new partners to your kids

By Jann Blackstone  
Tribune News Service

**Q: My ex and I divorced a year ago. We met each other when we were in high school and though we often had different opinions on various things, I thought I knew him. Our 7-year-old son recently told me that over the last few weekends my ex has had a different woman spend the night every time**

**he visits. I am shocked and I’m not sure what to do. What’s good ex-etiquette?**  
**A:** So many red flags, starting with getting your information from a 7-year-old. A 7-year-old’s perception is vastly different than an adult’s, and this causes more problems between co-parents than I can count. This is the reason I always suggest parents who hear stories from their children check out the story by

talking to the other parent. Young children often do not understand what they see and may misreport, or the adults add their adult perceptions to what was said and misunderstand. Some parents have trouble questioning how the other conducts their single life. Understandable, and if not asked correctly, you’ll probably be shut down very quickly with an “It’s none of your business” reply.

That’s why it’s so important to have a conversation (and an agreement) about how and when you will both introduce new partners to the children. New girlfriends each weekend is not in your children’s best interest. Think about it. If your parent had a different person spending the night each time you spent the weekend, how seriously would you take the new people? After a few

trial runs, don’t you think you might find yourself shying away and not letting yourself get close to new people?

So, two things. One, come to an agreement when and how you will introduce new partners and honor it. Two, most parenting plans build in enough alone time that a parent can date when the child is with the other parent. Use that time wisely.



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CELEBRITIES

Wallen wins album of year at ACMs

From news services

Morgan Wallen won album of the year at the Academy of Country Music Awards on Monday night for “Dangerous: The Double Album,” a year after he was removed from the ACMs ballot after he was caught on camera using a racial slur.

Wallen made no direct reference to the incident or his absence from recent awards shows while accepting the trophy at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, but may have dropped a hint about it.

“To my son, this award will signify that his daddy was a fighter,” Wallen said, finishing his speech by enthusiastically thanking the fans in attendance.

Miranda Lambert took home the night’s top prize, entertainer of the year, for the first time after losing out in five previous years, but was not in Las Vegas to accept it.

“I cannot believe I’m not there to celebrate,” Lambert said in a video message from London, “it’s the first time I’ve missed the ACMs in 17 years. I’ve been waiting a long time for this.”

Brothers Osborne broke a three-year winning streak by Dan + Shay to take best duo. Carly Pearce won best female artist, and Chris Stapleton won best male artist over Wallen, who took home no other awards Monday after being nominated for three.

Wallen was among the few winners who did not perform on the show.

Jason Aldean and Carrie Underwood won single of the year for their duet “If I Didn’t Love You,” while Lainey Wilson won song of the year for “Things a Man Oughta Know.” The artists later performed the songs live in a show that was heavy on performances.

Host Dolly Parton opened the show, which was streamed live on



Dolly Parton hosts the 57th Academy of Country Music Awards on Monday in Las Vegas. JOHN LOCHER/AP

Amazon Prime Video, by dedicating the night to Ukraine amid the Russian invasion. She took the stage in a jumpsuit that appeared to be covered in sparkling shards of glass.

“A disco ball just fell right on me,” Parton said. “I’m just hoping that nothing punctures me.”

**Anderson to make Broadway debut:** Actor Pamela Anderson will make her Broadway debut next month in the musical “Chicago.” Anderson will play Roxie Hart, the celebrity-craving woman at the heart of the show, from April 12 to June 5.

“From ‘Baywatch’ to Broadway. I am inspired by the unexpected,” Anderson said in a statement Monday. “This is it, and I will not hold back anymore. I am letting go. I am ready to see what I’m capable of. For ‘Chicago,’ I’ll be putting all my cards on the table. I am doubling

down — on me.”

**Lady Gaga reschedules tour dates:** Lady Gaga has announced the rescheduled dates for her “Chromatica Ball” world tour. The singer kicks off the 14-concert tour in July with five shows in Europe before beginning the North American leg in August.

Gaga, 35, was slated to tour in summer 2020 before the performances were postponed due to the pandemic. She released “Chromatica,” her sixth studio album, in 2020.

**March 9 birthdays:** Actor Joyce Van Patten is 88. Actor Trish Van Devere is 81. Journalist Charles Gibson is 79. Actor Juliette Binoche is 58. Actor Emmanuel Lewis is 51. Actor Kerr Smith is 50. Actor Oscar Isaac is 43. Actor Matthew Gray Gubler is 42. Actor Brittany Snow is 36. Rapper Bow Wow is 35.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

askamy@amydickinson.com Twitter@askingamy

Man wonders why others don’t stop talking

**Dear Amy:** I’m a 50-something businessman in the Midwest.

I travel a lot on two- and three-hour car trips with colleagues, clients, business associates, etc. Oftentimes we grab breakfast or lunch, or meet for a social meal.

I’m an inquisitive and outgoing person, so I often ask a question to get a conversation going.

Lately, I’ve noticed that my conversations are increasingly one-way.

Many people answer my questions, and then continue to prattle on for the full duration of a meal, without so much as ever asking a simple question in return: “So, what about you?”

Am I wrong for growing tired of these interactions?

I am an interested and natural conversationalist, but lately, I feel as if I am just a really good listener.

While I am happy to hear their stories, sometimes I’d like to share my thoughts as well, but rarely am I given that chance.

Have I grown overly sensitive?

— Professional Listener

**Dear Listener:** In my opinion, no — you are not being sensitive, but quite perceptive. This is not surprising, given that you have spent a lot of time not only listening, but paying attention.

I agree that this is tiring and disappointing, although I could imagine during a period of frustration asking your talking companion, “Do you realize that you never express curiosity about me? Aren’t you interested?” — I don’t imagine that making much of a difference.

Full disclosure: Several

years ago, my daughter passed me a note during a nerve-wracking social gathering: “Stop talking. Start listening.”

I’ve been working hard to follow this excellent and pithy directive ever since.

Talkers need to train themselves to lob and volley. If/when someone asks me an “opening” question (for instance, “Do you have children?”), I supply a brief answer (“Yes — I have five!”), and inquire about them.

**Dear Amy:** I recently found out from my college-aged kids that when they were much younger (perhaps 8 or 9), they were spending the weekend with my sister-in-law and for some reason she told them their parents (us) were getting a divorce and if they wanted to talk to someone about it, they could call her.

Well, we weren’t getting a divorce, and I have no idea where she got this idea, but it explains why my kids were hysterical any time my husband and I had a disagreement during their childhoods.

I’m angry that she caused my kids such pain and anxiety. I know she wasn’t doing it maliciously, but rather sticking her nose into someone else’s business. And it wasn’t even accurate. Do I bring this up to her or continue to keep her at a distance?

— Angry Mama

**Dear Angry:** You should bring this up. However, when you do you should determine to be calm and respectful, in order to be fully present when you hear her explanation.

Your sister-in-law’s choice was a tremendous

lapse of judgment. It is hard to imagine the thinking involved in her playing the divorce card to your children, without your express permission and without evidence.

No one should make assumptions about the trajectory of other people’s relationships, and no adult should speculate about parents to their children.

She may not remember this episode — or claim not to. She may dispute the words she actually used, versus the words your children remember hearing.

She owes you — and them — an apology.

Once you’ve aired this, you can then choose to distance yourself — if you want to.

**Dear Amy:** “Unsure of Friend Obligations” wondered about how to deal with her depressed friend who never sought help, never changed and vented to her frequently.

Twice in my life, I’ve had a friend care enough to tell me what I was doing to threaten the relationship.

One landed right away, and the friendship survived and thrived.

The other was something I looked back at years later and realized how right she was. I tracked her down and thanked her for her courage.

It won’t always land, but it’s worth trying.

— Restored

**Dear Restored:** Friends tell one another the truth. I’m so happy you heard it.

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Bush, ‘One Tree Hill’ castmates reunite for ‘Good Sam’ episode

By Alicia Rancilio

Associated Press

Sophia Bush acted opposite Hilary Burton and Bethany Joy Lenz for years on their series “One Tree Hill,” but reuniting with them on screen a decade after the series finale on her CBS medical drama “Good Sam” caught her off guard.

“I would catch myself in rehearsals, just staring at them and then going, ‘Oh, God. I have a line. I have to do my job.’”

Bush described the experience as “so comfortable and also wild. We’ve done it so many times together, but we’re all playing such different women.”

On the March 23 episode, Lenz and Burton play sisters Gretchen and Amy Taylor. They encounter Bush’s Dr. Sam Griffith when Amy is admitted to Lakeshore Sentinel Hospital.

The idea for their guest appearance came about while Bush was promoting the series premiere of “Good Sam.”

“People said, ‘Would you want them to come on the show?’ And I said, ‘Of course.’ And what a testament to my showrunner, Katie Welch. She said, ‘Hey, I watched that interview you did today. There are these two women characters. Do you want Hilary and (Bethany) Joy to come play them?’”

The trio also co-host a podcast called “Drama Queens” where they recap “One Tree Hill” episodes, speak with other actors from the show and reminisce about their time filming.

Bush says it’s “a rare opportunity to laugh a lot, have fun and to make fun of ourselves.”

The memories are not all positive. In 2017, 18 female cast and crew members penned a letter accusing former “One Tree Hill” showrunner Mark



Bethany Joy Lenz, from left, Sophia Bush and Hilary Burton on the set of “Good Sam.” DANIELLE BLANCHER/CBS

Schwahn of sexual harassment and manipulation. They address their experiences on “Drama Queens.”

“We wanted to reclaim our show as women in a healthy way, to talk about what was good, what was bad, what we did well, what we could have done better,” said Bush. “We knew it would be beautiful, but we didn’t know we would feel so much healing. So we’re really, really grateful.”

Bush adds that some of what they rehash is edited out.

“Not everything is fit for public consumption, but in terms of themes, experiences and what we went through as young women, the ways we were not protected on our set, not fostered, not looked out for, we want to be really honest and for young women to know what it looks like.”

On “Good Sam,” Bush

portrays a character who is experiencing her own power struggle, but with her father, played by Jason Isaacs. Bush’s Sam took over her dad’s role of chief of surgery when he was ill, and he now wants his job back.

As a child, Bush wanted to be a surgeon so she has a real appreciation for medicine — including its terminology and instruments, which she says require “a lot of practice” to look natural holding.

“I have all sorts of surgical tools in my bag at all times that I’m just messing around with and doing finger work with pretty constantly. I have to be really careful when I get on a plane. You know, not to take like Cooley (cardiovascular) scissors to the airport because that wouldn’t go over well with TSA.”

“Good Sam” airs Wednesdays on CBS.

HOROSCOPES

Tarot.com

**Aries (March 21-April 19):** You might notice that the world around you seems less realistic than normal today. Let yourself channel energies that are more ephemeral and don’t worry about the guidelines! Some feelings could come to the surface, making it a good time to journal.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Your social life is about to get a fresh injection of energy! You’ve been busy making professional progress. Consider sending out invites to a group hang or organizing a night out at your favorite spot so you can finally touch base and see what everyone has been up to lately.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20):** There’s a clearing on the road that can help you get to where you want to be. Roll up your sleeves and show everyone how capable you are. If you’ve been swimming in circles, you’ll find it easier to go in a straight line. A boss could open doors for you, so be vocal!

**Cancer (June 21-July 22):** The world is opening up to you today, helping you think in global terms. This is a wonderful time to broaden your horizons, so reengage with life. You might want to start a course or download a language app, especially one spoken in a country you’ve wanted to visit.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** Your life is about to feel like a detective novel, so get out the magnifying glass! Subtlety is key, so remember to read between the lines as opposed to taking people at face value. There’s probably more to the story than you think, and you’ll need a clearer picture to make smart decisions.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** People may begin coming out of the woodwork starting today, seeking you out for potential partnerships. Not everyone will meet your standards, but you might be surprised by the options that pop up. It’s also a prime time for making deals, so draw up some contracts.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Your health and wellness are up for inspection. If your 2022 resolutions fell to the wayside, then it’s time to get back on the bandwagon. Set new goals for yourself that are attainable but also worth the effort. Look for different workout routines or eating plans to change it up!

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You can kick back and enjoy yourself starting today! Feel free to get creative with your approach to life and spend more time on your appearance — as long as you put a premium on fun and avoid taking yourself too seriously. This phase is all about enjoying yourself.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Your home life may be pretty busy at the moment. This is a great phase to host more events at your place, so consider your living room — or your video call — to be the hottest spot in town. Consider reading up on feng shui or other decorating methods to positively change the energy flow.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Your calendar is likely to start filling up! You could discover new spots in your neighborhood or revisit old haunts and see what’s happening. Stay organized so you don’t miss a thing! This is prime time for communications work, so declare your message loud and clear.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Opportunities to make more money could be about to come pouring in. Whether you want to increase your pay or find a whole new job, start ruminating on what you’d like. It may come easier than you’d expect! It’s a good moment to crowdsource, so ask around for advice.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20):** It’s time to wake up, Pisces! You can think with increased clarity now, so you’d be wise to focus on your own ideas and share them with others. They may be more valuable than anyone would expect. If you put pen to paper and record your thoughts, pure gold could come forth.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

**On March 9, 1841,** the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 7-1 in favor of a group of illegally enslaved Africans who were captured off the U.S. coast; the justices ruled that the Africans should be set free.

**In 1933,** Congress began its “hundred days” of enacting New Deal legislation.

**In 1945,** during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers began launching incendiary bomb attacks against Tokyo, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

**In 1987,** Chrysler Corp. announced it had agreed to buy the financially ailing American Motors Corp.

**In 1997,** the Notorious B.I.G. (Christopher Wallace) was killed in a still-unresolved drive-by shooting; he was 24.

**In 2000,** John McCain suspended his presidential campaign, conceding the Republican nomination to George W. Bush. Bill Bradley ended his presidential bid, conceding the Democratic nomination to Vice President Al Gore.



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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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5 letters = 3 points  
6 letters = 4 points  
7 letters = 5 points  
8 letters = 6 points  
9+ letters = 15 points

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31-60 = Gamer  
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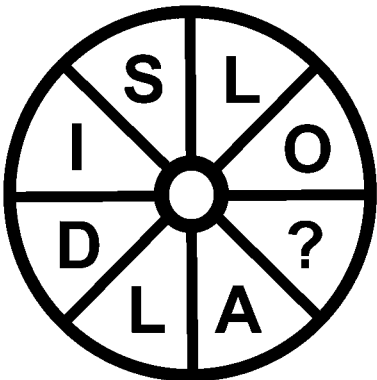
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WordWheel



Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: time flies

Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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TV CROSSWORD

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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ACROSS

- Seymour or Pauley
- "Please Don't \_\_\_ the Daisies"
- One of Sherman Hemsley's sitcoms
- "A Tree \_\_\_ in Brooklyn"; movie for Dorothy McGuire
- "None But the \_\_\_"; Frank Sinatra film
- "\_\_\_ Fear"; crime drama movie for Richard Gere
- Actor \_\_\_ Auberjonois
- Wilma Flintstone's hubby
- Cold sore spot
- \_\_\_ up; tally
- Actress Amanda
- Actor on "M\*A\*S\*H"
- John \_\_\_ of "Good Times"
- Star of "Hunter"
- Make a scene
- \_\_\_-a-brac
- "Full \_\_\_"
- "The \_\_\_ O'Neals"
- Eric \_\_\_ of Monty Python
- Hard hit
- Very long time

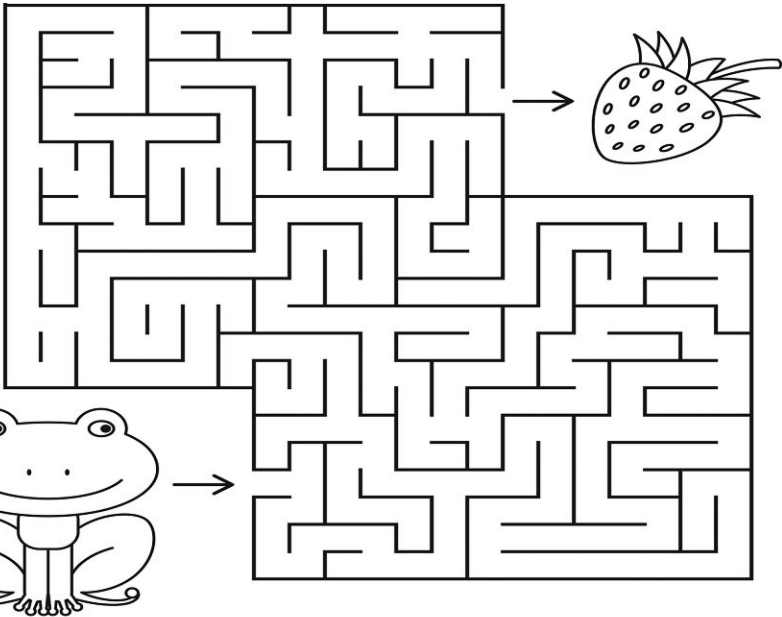
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DOWN

- Warsaw's nation: abbr.
- Lawn trees
- "Baby \_\_\_"; Tina Fey movie
- Family name on "Blue Bloods"
- Actress \_\_\_-Symoné
- Mex. misses
- Neighbor of Calif.
- "\_\_\_Man"; Paul Rudd movie
- Model and actress Banks
- \_\_\_ Gilmore of "Once Upon a Time"
- Actress who appears on "Last Man Standing"
- Ms. Campbell
- 180° from WSW
- Wading bird
- Very dry
- Cruise or Hanks
- Beaver's brother
- Go down a fire pole
- Victoria's Secret purchase
- Prefix for heat or historic
- Parker who played Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone
- Not up to \_\_\_; substandard
- Sit for an artist
- Opera solo
- Think deeply
- "The Price Is Right" host
- "The Wayans \_\_\_"
- Joint closest to the waist
- Smells
- Explosion
- K's followers
- "The \_\_\_ Man"; Charlton Heston movie
- Actress McKeon, to friends
- Actor Richard \_\_\_
- \_\_\_-Charles Jones of "Kevin Can Wait"
- "One Day \_\_\_ Time"
- Go bad

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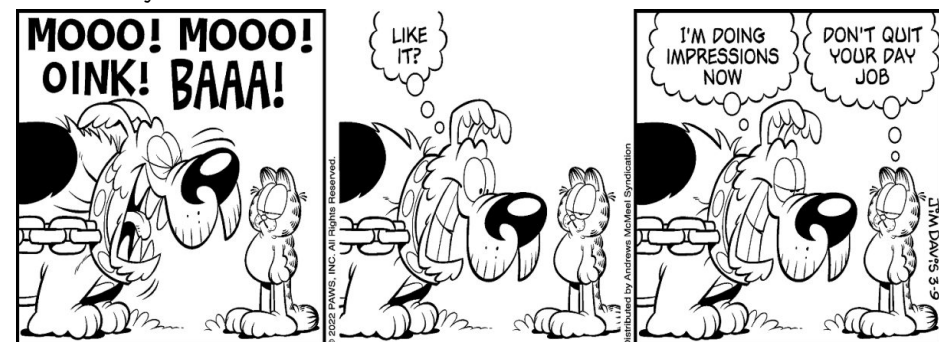
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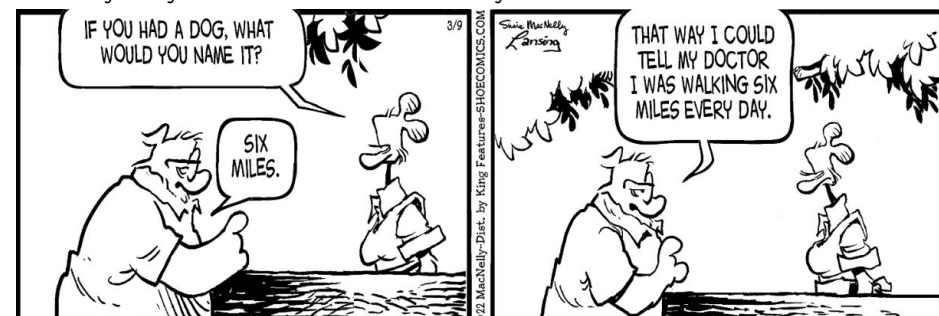
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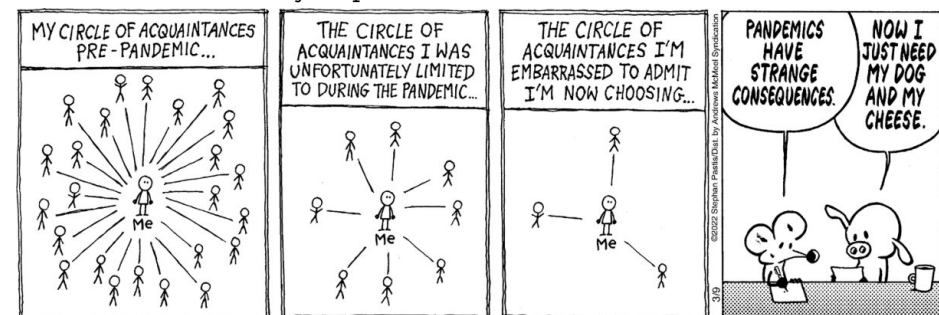
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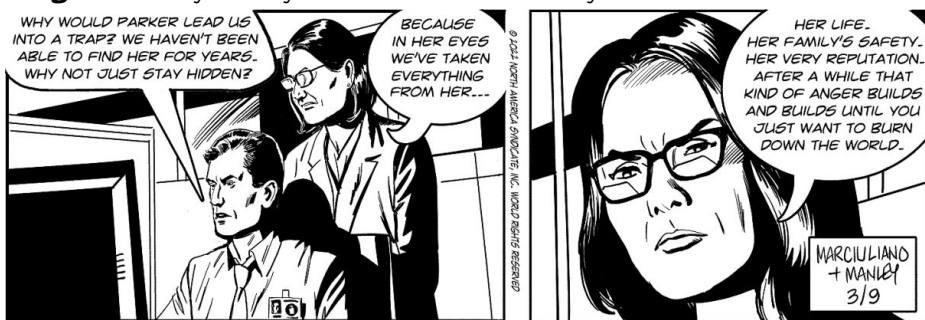
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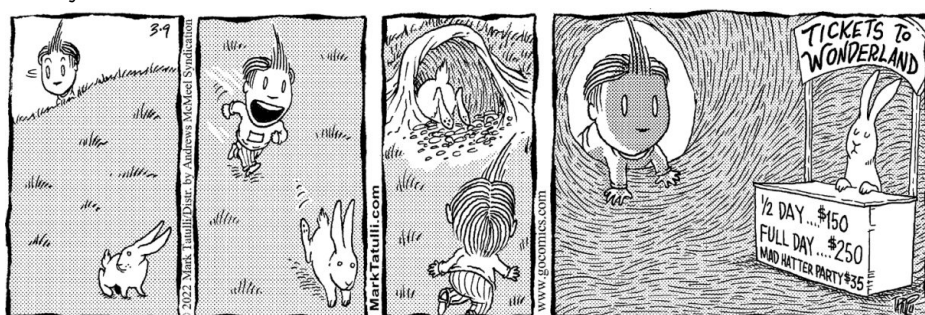
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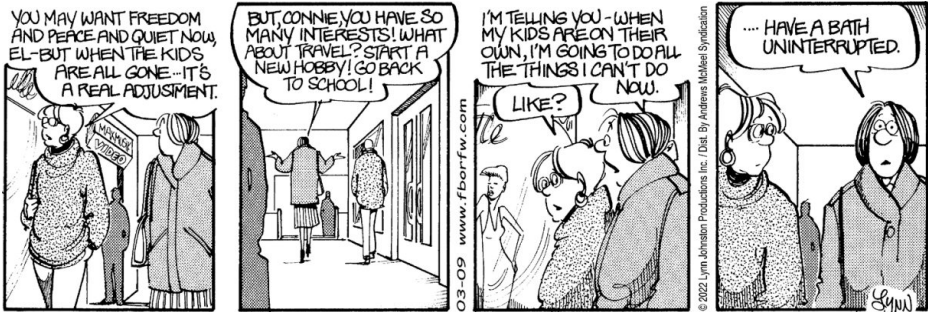
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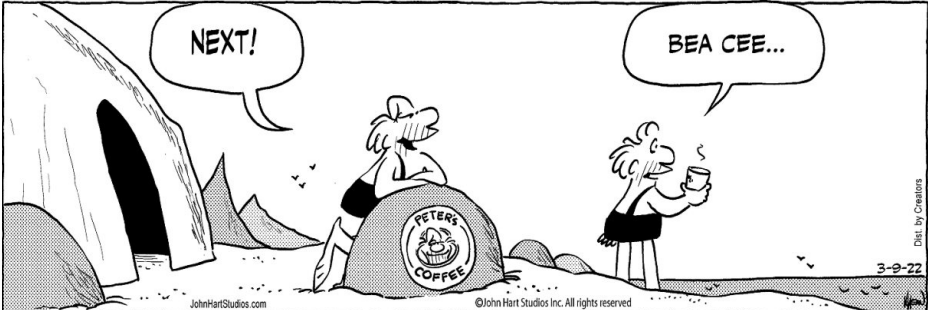
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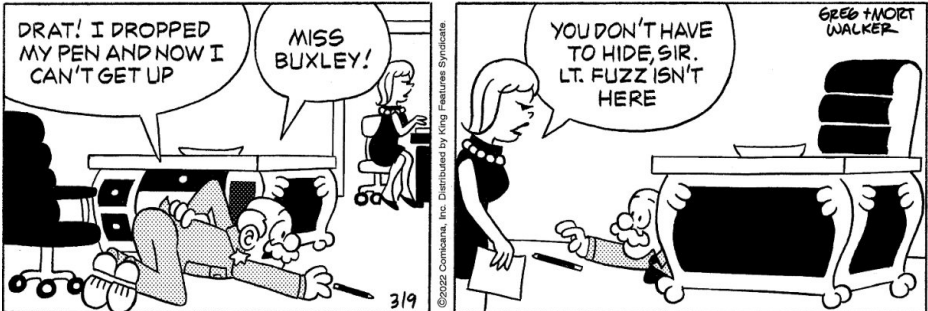
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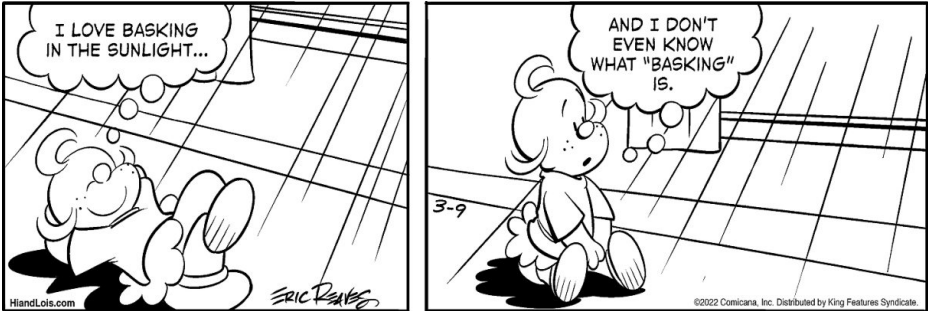
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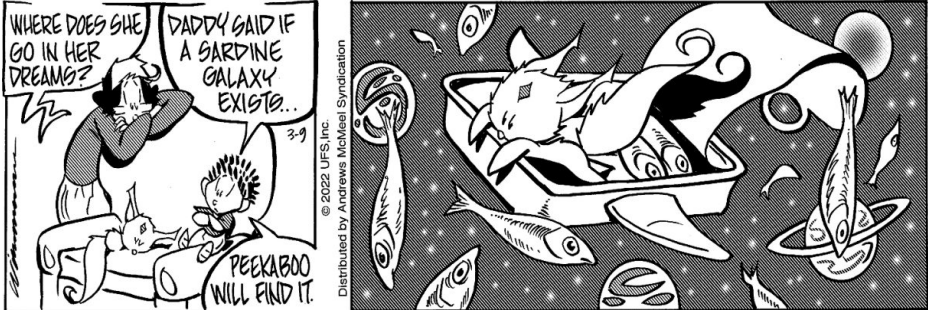
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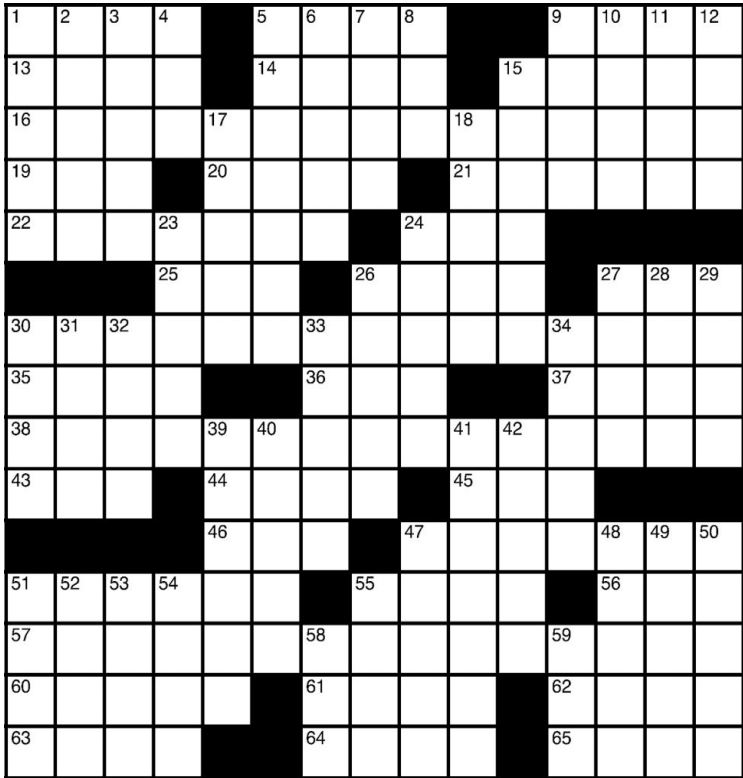
Across

- 1 Expand, as bread dough  
5 Lift option  
9 Guard's order  
13 Responsibility  
14 It borders It.  
15 Crown-wearing literary elephant  
16 Work out like a hairdresser?  
19 Time worth naming  
20 Late time, in ads  
21 Bills worth a hundo  
22 Enjoy a La-Z-Boy  
24 "Didn't hear you" interjections  
25 A lot, to Auden  
26 Mother of life, in Greek myth  
27 Needing to be settled  
30 Work out like a bartender?  
35 Evidence of shortages, for short  
36 Catch, as a flick  
37 \_\_\_ menu  
38 Work out like a fine artist?  
43 Good buddy  
44 Little winged singer  
45 Slice (off)  
46 Crew implement  
47 Top-flight  
51 Training song in "Flash-dance"  
55 Protagonist of the "Divergent" novels  
56 Exec with the purse strings  
57 Work out like a stockbroker?  
60 Be worthy of

- 61 Cons' counterparts  
62 Destine for failure  
63 Partner of ends  
64 Avonlea adoptee  
65 Numero dopo le sette  
1 Rodeo performer  
2 Accustom (to)  
3 Component of the spice blend za'atar  
4 Medium ability  
5 Take advantage of  
6 Raised landform  
7 Tennis immortal  
8 U.S. \_\_ 1, East Coast hwy.  
9 Sainly symbol  
10 Share a border with  
11 Tinseld fabric

- 12 Half of seis  
15 Literally, "tray planting"  
17 Bring together  
18 Parental control option  
23 Much, casually  
24 Relaxed  
26 Golfer's target  
27 Gregorius of the Phillies  
28 Either of two Monopoly properties that can't be built on: Abbr.  
29 Ballpark figs.  
30 Have trouble with one's sisters?  
31 Where much of "Children of the Corn" was filmed  
32 Coal, for one  
33 Arena worker

- 34 Harvests  
39 Like many a Broadway musical  
40 Bingham of "Baywatch"  
41 Conic section  
42 Canapé base, often  
47 Sing like Michael Bublé  
48 Slide (over)  
49 Otherwise  
50 "Fun Fearless Female" mag  
51 Company message  
52 Cut  
53 "\_\_\_ alert!"  
54 Centenarian fashion icon  
55 Fork-tailed flier  
58 Relaxing resort  
59 Courtroom affirmation



By Stella Zawistowski

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 9 3  
♥ K 10 9 8  
♦ A K J 4 2  
♣ Q 5

**WEST**  
♠ A Q 7 5  
♥ 3  
♦ 8 6 3  
♣ J 10 8 6 2

**EAST**  
♠ J 10 8 2  
♥ Q 7 4  
♦ 9 5  
♣ K 9 7 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 6 4  
♥ A J 6 5 2  
♦ Q 10 7  
♣ A 3

The bidding:

North East South West  
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass  
2 ♥ Pass 4 ♥

Opening lead — jack of clubs.

A matter of self-preservation

Declarer often encounters a situation where it is more dangerous to have one defender on lead than the other and must do all he can to prevent this from happening. Here is an unusual case where South applied the principle twice in the same hand.

West led the jack of clubs, and declarer counted his potential losers. He realized that he might lose a trump trick (if he misguessed the trump situation), a club trick and two spade tricks. The only way he could lose two spade tricks, though, was if East gained the lead and returned a spade through the king and West had the ace. Otherwise, South could eventually discard two spades on dummy's diamonds.

South therefore embarked on a line of play that was designed to keep East off lead. His first step was not to play the queen of clubs from dummy at trick one. This eliminated all chance of East ever

obtaining the lead with a club. After the jack held, West led another club to South's ace, and declarer now pursued his overall plan by leading a trump to the king and finessing the ten on the way back.

When the finesse succeeded, South drew the last trump and claimed 11 tricks. But note that he would have been on equally firm ground had the trump finesse lost to the doubleton queen in West's hand. In that case, he would have finished with only 10 tricks, but still would have made the contract.

In tackling the trumps as he did, declarer was not so much interested in guessing the location of the queen as he was in making sure that if he lost a trump trick, it would be to West, not East. With West on lead, the contract was secure.

**Tomorrow:** High-class defense.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

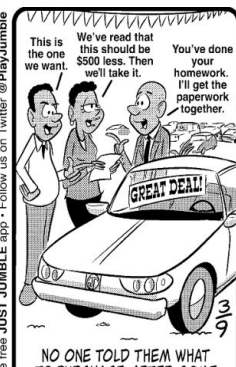
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Answer "here:"

Yesterday's

Jumbles: FLUID BATTY SAVORY NARROW  
Answer: Navigating the passage between Spain and Morocco proved to be — "STRAIT"—FORWARD



NO ONE TOLD THEM WHAT TO PURCHASE, AFTER SOME RESEARCH, THEY WERE THERE

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

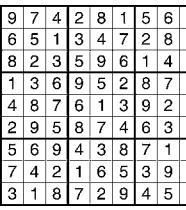
(Answers tomorrow)

TODAY'S SUDOKU



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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE





# Planning memorials now can help us heal



**Heidi Stevens**  
*Balancing Act*

COVID-19 arrived quickly and devastatingly for Kelly Scannell. It was March 2020. She and her whole family were sick, but there were no tests or treatments available, so they isolated at home and waited for the novel virus to move on. A week and a half in, her otherwise healthy father, 69, had trouble breathing and was rushed to the hospital to be intubated.

“It was crazy because they kept telling us updates with some hope,” Scannell said. “It sounded like he was going to get out of it.”

But his organs shut down one by one, and on April 5, 2020, Wes Cline died.

Three weeks earlier, he’d been soaking in the company of his granddaughters, planning vacations, singing in the Harmony, Hope and Healing choir at Chicago’s Old St. Patrick’s Church.

“If you knew him, he was just full of life,” Scannell said. “He lived larger than anyone.”

Scannell and her mom were left to process the shock of losing him and the murky path of memorializing him. The funeral home wasn’t letting anyone inside, Scannell said, even for planning. They selected a headstone and organized a 10-person graveside service from their car. Scannell’s brother lives in Colorado and is married to an emergency room doctor, which meant they had to sit the burial out for safety reasons.

Scannell’s story is gut-wrenching and common. Hundreds of thousands of families lost loved ones over the last two



Hundreds of thousands of families lost loved ones over the past two years and struggled to make sense of their loss. **LEO MALSAM/DREAMSTIME**

years — to COVID-19, to cancer, to heart disease, to violence — and struggled to make sense of both their loss and the public health guidelines that shaped how and when they could engage in the rituals of death.

I interviewed dozens of people over the last two years in the days and weeks after their parent, sibling, child, friend died, and I began to recognize a familiar, sorrowful refrain: “We’ll gather when it’s safe.”

Now, with vaccinations widely available, cases rapidly declining, mask mandates lifting, capacity restrictions ending, many of those same families are tasked with planning whether and how to gather.

“The communal aspect of grieving is really, really important,” said Kim Sangster, bereavement support and education coordinator at Rush University Medical Center. “We need to gather with a community of

people that can support us, that we can talk with about the memories we hold dear, the things that we’re scared of. Those things are important.”

The temptation may arise to pack away the past, to carry on without a celebration of life or some other marking of a loss, however delayed. Planning a memorial service months, or even years, after a death might feel, to some, like picking at a scab. But a delayed gathering isn’t an interruption in the healing process, Sangster said. It’s a necessary part of it.

“Grief isn’t an event,” she said. “It’s a process. We’ve done this to ourselves — you get three days off for bereavement leave, so in three days you should be over this. But that isn’t what grief looks like. Grief is a process that takes much longer. And while we may always be changed by a loss, by the death of someone, we won’t necessarily always be diminished by it.”

Gathering with other people who knew the person, loved the person, have stories to share about the person, is a critical part of our ability to evolve past the diminished part and toward a different, but no less meaningful relationship with the person we’ve lost, Sangster said.

Robert Shulman, associate professor in Rush Medical College’s department of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, said gathering with others also allows for the more nuanced realities of loss.

“Depending on the relationship with the person who died, it’s not always the same emotions,” Shulman said. “It’s not always sadness. There could be anger. There could be very hard feelings. There could be tremendous distress at never being able to repair the relationship. Guilt. Being able to talk through those emotions with others, to get either validation or comfort, that becomes like

a cognitive processing therapy.”

COVID-19, Shulman said, added a certain cruelty to death. He mentioned the deep comfort he took in being at father’s bedside for his final days of life, taking advantage of his dad’s disordered sleep to have ranging, guard-down 3:30 a.m. conversations. COVID-19 took those final moments of togetherness from so, so many.

“I think many people were traumatized by death during COVID,” Shulman said. “And being unable to express those emotions can lead to a sort of numbness that makes it harder to go through our days.”

Gathering with our people — with our person’s people — can help.

In August 2021, 16 months after she lost her dad, Scannell helped plan a celebration of his life at Old St. Patrick’s. The Harmony, Hope and Healing choir performed. His high school friends came. People

swapped stories and hugs and tears. In some ways, Scannell said, the delay was a gift.

“I don’t think it actually would have been a celebration of his life if we did it right away,” she said. “Just the mourning, and the fact that we were in shock, like, ‘We can’t believe we’re doing this.’”

I love the idea of inviting joy and nuance and reflection to sit next to our grief, especially when the shock of it starts to take up less space. And I love the reminder that other people help us do that.

“We’re not singular beings,” Sangster. “We need each other.”

In sorrow and in celebration.

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UConn Men's Basketball

## Associate head coach Young in the mix for UMass top job

By Shreyas Laddha  
Hartford Courant

UConn men's basketball associate head coach Kimani Young is reportedly in the mix as the University of Massachusetts looks to hire a new head coach, but no decision is imminent according to a source close to the situation.

A UConn source disputed a tweet from former Boston Globe writer Mark Blaudshun on Monday night stating that UMass was closing in on hiring Young. "Nothing official yet, but barring snags it could be done in next few days," he said in the tweet.

Inside

With Big East Tournament looming, UConn guard Jordan Hawkins in concussion protocol; Tyler Polley out with stomach virus. **Page 4**

But Adam Zagoria of Zags.com, reported via Twitter that Young is expected to be targeted by UMass, but no in-person interview has been set up yet.

UMass fired head coach Matt McCall last week after going 14-16 during the

**Turn to Young, Page 4**



UConn associate head coach Kimani Young calls out to players during the second half against Villanova on Feb. 22 in Hartford. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

Big East Tournament

At Madison Square Garden. First round through semifinals, all games on FS1; championship on Fox.

**First round - Wednesday**  
No. 8 Xavier vs. No. 9 Butler, 4:30 p.m.  
No. 7 St. John's vs. No. 10 DePaul, 7 p.m.  
No. 6 Seton Hall vs. No. 11 Georgetown, 9:30 p.m.

**Quarterfinals - Thursday**  
Xavier/Butler winner vs. No. 1 Providence, noon  
No. 4 Creighton vs. No. 5 Marquette, 2:30 p.m.  
St. John's/DePaul winner vs. No. 2 Villanova, 7 p.m.

**Seton Hall/Georgetown winner vs. No. 3 UConn, 9:30 p.m.**  
Semifinals Friday, 6:30 and 9 p.m.  
Championship Saturday, 6:30 p.m.



UConn's Paige Bueckers, middle, and teammates celebrate their win against Villanova in the Big East Tournament final Monday at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

UConn Women's Basketball

## FINDING HER WAY BACK

With strong play from teammates Edwards, Williams and others, Bueckers has been able to get reacclimated at a realistic pace before NCAA Tournament

By Dom Amore | Hartford Courant

Paige Bueckers started the season as UConn's best player and reigning national player of the year. After a knee injury on Dec. 5, she became the Huskies' head cheerleader.

Since being cleared to play on Feb. 25, she has been somewhere in between, playing limited minutes as she works to rebuild strength and stamina and recover the certain confidence that makes her game look so easy.

The good news is that, with her teammates playing so well, Bueckers was not expected to don a superhero's cape in her return.

"I'm glad we have these 10 days, 11 days, whatever it is [before the NCAA Tournament starts]," UConn coach

Geno Auriemma said. "She's got a lot of work to do. She has her good days. She has her bad days. She has her good days mentally. She has her bad days mentally."

The 5-foot-10 sophomore guard underwent surgery on Dec. 13 to repair anterior tibial plateau fracture and lateral meniscus tear. By all accounts, the surgery and rehab went well. But after missing so much time, it was unrealistic to expect Bueckers to be her old self as soon as she stepped back on the court.

Bueckers has played five games since her return, averaging 14.2 minutes a game. She has shot 12-for-

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Red Sox

## Roster could benefit from a shorter season

By Justin Mastrodonato  
Boston Herald

BOSTON — It's looking like we'll have to say goodbye to some Red Sox/Yankees games this season.

Friday, MLB announced the delay of spring training until at least March 18, which would make it almost impossible for players to be ready for the first Sox/Yanks series originally scheduled for Thursday, April 7.

As of Sunday, the Red Sox' official website had the Sox' season

starting with that game on April 7, though it's looking like MLB will be forced to cancel more games after weekend negotiations between the owners and players did not go well.

An MLB spokesperson released an ominous statement on Sunday afternoon.

"We were hoping to see movement in our direction to give us additional flexibility and get a deal done quickly," spokesperson Glen Caplin said in the statement. "The

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Red Sox starting pitchers Nathan Eovaldi, left, and Chris Sale warm up in the rain as pitchers and catchers report for their first workout at their spring training facility in 2019 in Ft. Myers, Fla. **GERALD HERBERT/AP**

Yankees Analysis

## Levine doesn't sugarcoat MLB's current sour state

By David Lennon  
Newsday

NEW YORK — Yankees president Randy Levine boldly went where no MLB official has dared to tread lately — short of commissioner Rob Manfred — when he chose to publicly go on the record for Michael Kay's ESPN radio show.

Levine is a veteran of the labor wars, dating to the 1994-95 strike that shut down baseball for 232 days, killed the World Series and

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Mookie Wilson, Bobby Valentine and Jeff Nelson sound off on MLB lockout. **Page 2**

birthed the darkly comic era of replacement players. Monday marked the 96th day of Manfred's lockout, the owners were annoyed by the union's Sunday offer — described as "backwards"

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SPORTS

UP NEXT

**UConn MBB:** Big East Quarterfinal vs. Georgetown/Seton Hall, Thursday, 9:30 p.m.; Big East Semifinal (if necessary) vs. TBD, Friday, 6:30/9 p.m.; Big East Final (if necessary) vs. TBD, Saturday, 6:30 p.m.  
**UConn WBB:** NCAA First Round vs. TBD, March 18/19, time TBD; NCAA Second Round (if necessary) vs. TBD, March 20/21, time TBD; NCAA Sweet 16 (if necessary) vs. TBD, March 26, time TBD  
**Celtics:** at Hornets, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pistons, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Mavericks, Sunday, 3:30 p.m.  
**Knicks:** at Mavericks, Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; at Grizzlies, Friday, 8 p.m.; at Nets, Sunday, 1 p.m.  
**Nets:** at 76ers, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Knicks, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Magic, Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
**UConn hockey:** Hockey East Quarterfinal vs. Boston Uni., Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Hockey East Semifinal (if necessary), March 18, 4/7:30 p.m.; Hockey East Final (if necessary) vs. TBD, March 19, 7 p.m.  
**Bruins:** Chicago, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Coyotes, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Chicago, Tuesday, 8:30 p.m.  
**Rangers:** at Blues, Thursday, 8 p.m.; at Stars, Saturday, 8 p.m.; Ducks, Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
**Wolf Pack:** at Lehigh Valley, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at W-B/Scranton, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Syracuse, March 16, 7 p.m.

**TV/RADIO**  
**BASEBALL**  
**6 p.m.:** George Mason at Wake Forest. (Live) ACC  
**BASKETBALL**  
**12 p.m.:** ACC Tournament: Syracuse vs Florida State. (Live) ESPN  
**2:30 p.m.:** ACC Tournament: TBA vs Wake Forest. (Live) ESPN  
**4:30 p.m.:** Big East Tournament: Butler vs Xavier. (Live) FS1  
**6 p.m.:** SEC Tournament: Ole Miss vs Missouri. (Live) SEC  
**7 p.m.:** Celtics at Hornets. (Live), NBCSB  
**7 p.m.:** ACC Tournament: TBA vs Virginia Tech. (Live) ESPN2  
**7 p.m.:** Big 12 Tournament: West Virginia vs Kansas State. (Live) ESPN  
**7 p.m.:** Big East Tournament: DePaul vs St. John's. (Live) FS1  
**7:30 p.m.:** Patriot League Tournament: Navy at Colgate. (Live) CBSSN  
**7:30 p.m.:** Suns at Heat. (Live) ESPN  
**8:30 p.m.:** Knicks at Mavericks. (Live), MSG  
**9:30 p.m.:** Big East Tournament: Seton Hall vs Georgetown. (Live) FS1  
**10 p.m.:** Women's College: Mountain West Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) CBSSN  
**10:05 p.m.:** Trail Blazers at Jazz. (Live) ESPN  
**GOLF**  
**1 a.m.:** Honda LPGA Thailand, First Round. (Live) GOLF  
**HOCKEY**  
**8 p.m.:** Capitals at Oilers. (Live) SPRTNET TNT  
**10:30 p.m.:** Canadiens at Canucks. (Live) TNT  
**OLYMPICS**  
**12 p.m.:** Winter Paralympics Para Cross-Country Skiing. (Same-day Tape) USA  
**9 p.m.:** Winter Paralympics Para Alpine Skiing. (Live) USA  
**10 p.m.:** Winter Paralympics Wheelchair Curling: U.S. vs Sweden. (Same-day Tape) USA  
**11 p.m.:** Winter Paralympics Paralympic Coverage. (Same-day Tape) USA  
**RUGBY**  
**4 a.m.:** NRL Rugby Penrith Panthers vs Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles. (Live) FSP  
**SOCCER**  
**2:30 p.m.:** Fútbol UEFA Champions League Real Madrid vs. Paris Saint-Germain FC. (Live) UNI  
**3 p.m.:** UEFA Champions League Real Madrid vs Paris Saint-Germain. (Live) CBS  
**7:30 p.m.:** Copa do Brazil Soccer Juazeirense vs Vasco. (Live) FSP  
**TENNIS**  
**2 p.m.:** WTA Tennis BNP Paribas Open: WTA 1st Round. (Live) TENNIS



Broncos linebacker Josey Jewell (47), seen sacking Jets quarterback Sam Darnold during a 2020 game, might be a free agent of interest for the Patriots. **JOHN MINCHILLO / AP**

PATRIOTS

Looking to gain some LBs

With position being one of need for the team, here are some free-agent possibilities

By Andrew Callahan  
Boston Herald

BOSTON — Releasing Kyle Van Noy was just the first step of a Patriots offseason that could usher in significant change, particularly for a team with a limited amount of cap space. And especially for a defense with an aging linebacking corps. Last month, inside linebackers coach Jerod Mayo described the locker room to NBC Sports Boston as undergoing a “generational shift.” He referenced longtime leader Donta’ Hightower, who turns 32 next week and, like Van Noy, could be on his way out. Hightower and fellow inside linebackers Ja’Whaun Bentley and Jamie Collins are all impending free agents. The Patriots have long preferred big-bodied, run-stopping inside linebackers, with all four aforementioned ‘backers tipping the scales at 250-plus pounds. That preference has come at a cost in coverage, where teams repeatedly exploited this group down the stretch. For now, here are a few under-the-radar names to know with the front office up against the cap during free agency: **Josey Jewell, Denver:** Jewell is a little light

(234 pounds) but offers an all-around presence at inside linebacker the team has sorely missed for years. He’s a sure tackler and plays with excellent play recognition. Jewell, 27, played only two games last season due to a torn pectoral, so his market should be slightly depressed, perhaps enough for the Patriots to scoop him up at \$5 or \$6 million per year on a short-term deal. **Alexander Johnson, Denver:** Like Jewell, Johnson had his 2021 season cut short by a torn pectoral. Before then he was a menace against the run, who covered sideline to sideline for the Broncos in 323 defensive snaps. Johnson is another strong tackler who will face an interesting market as someone who missed four years due to rape charges he was acquitted of in 2018. **Leighton Vander Esch, Dallas:** Thanks to several injuries, Vander Esch lost significant steam after his Pro Bowl rookie season in 2018. However, he played every game last season, racking up 77 tackles, one interception, a sack and three other tackles for a loss. **Josh Bynes, Baltimore:** Signing Bynes would represent a commitment to the current system as a run-first veteran who leans on the heavier side. He’s 6-foot-1 and 240 pounds, a late bloomer who’s started double-digit games in three of the past four seasons, each year for a different team. Last year in Baltimore, Bynes totaled 76 tackles, two sacks and four passes defended.

CELTICS

Stevens says team had no issue with Freedom’s footwear

Boston Herald

He’s been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by a member of Norway’s parliament, and his tireless advocacy for oppressed people everywhere — from the Uyghurs and Hong Kong protesters in China to his fellow Turks — has given Enes Freedom an enormous international audience. The former Celtic’s Chinese human rights campaign took off on opening night in Madison Square Garden, when he said two representatives from the NBA asked him not to wear the first of his series of protest sneakers — these designed with the logo “Free Tibet.” But on Sunday, Freedom went further, claiming on Twitter that the Celtics, too, asked him not to don his human rights footwear. Not so, says Brad Stevens, who told the Herald on Tuesday that the Celtics’ only initial question involved whether the sneakers violated the NBA’s uniform policy, which it quickly determined they did not. But the Celtics president stressed that he has never stepped in the way of a player expressing his political beliefs. “Here’s exactly what happened,” said Stevens. “I was actually at home, and when he decided to wear the sneakers, there was some concern — and I didn’t even know until the end of the first quarter — that there was a potential uniform or

dress code violation. I don’t know what was said — I can’t imagine that phrasing was said — but the question to me was what to do about Enes’ shoes. I said I think that he’s fine, and let me double check with the NBA to see if there’s any uniform violation. Double-checked, fine, and he wore those the rest of the game and he wore whatever he wanted the rest of the year. It’s interesting, because I feel really good that we truly sat here and supported him and his right to express himself and his freedom of speech, and I even told him the next day that you know I’ve always done that.”

**IT’s Celtics flame still burns:** Wednesday’s game in Charlotte will be bitter-sweet for the newest Hornet, Isaiah Thomas, who said he had hoped to the bitter end that he would instead be brought back by the Celtics. The reason he wasn’t is simple, according to Ime Udoka. “Point guard was not a position of need,” said the Celtics coach. That didn’t stop Thomas from hoping, though. “I’ve opened my arms to try and come back in so many ways,” he said. “It’s not even about playing and trying to pick up where I left off. I’m past that moment but I know there’s been times where I can help in that locker room. I’m not in there every day so I can’t speak on what’s going on.”

METS

New York alums blast MLB lockout

By Deesha Thosar  
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Retired Mets and Yankees players, as well as a fan-favorite skipper, did not mince words when it came to their general feelings about MLB’s lockout. “It shouldn’t have gotten this far,” 1986 World Series champion Mookie Wilson said. “This is something that could’ve been settled a year ago, months ago.” Added Jeff Nelson, a four-time champion and former Yankees reliever: “It’s awful. ... I don’t know when we’ll see baseball.” Former Mets manager Bobby Valentine needed just six words to relay his opinion: “Just get them on the field.”

Yankees

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by their camp — and MLB probably was hours away from canceling a second week of the regular season. Honestly, Levine came off more diplomatically than I would have expected, although some of his financial claims were highly questionable, to put it nicely. What struck me in particular, however, was a question toward the end of the half-hour interview, when Levine was asked if he believes there is a chance this labor conflict will wipe out the entire 2022 season. “I don’t even want to think about that,” he said. “I couldn’t think about that. That’s a mind-boggling, horrid, horrid thought. Shame on all of us if it ever gets to that.” The troubling part is what Levine left out of his answer. He didn’t say “no.” And that’s what cut to the heart of Levine’s conversation about these stalled collective bargaining agreement negotiations. Amid all the talking points regarding compromise, competitive balance tax, minimum salary raises and the owners’ economic hardship (!), Levine wasn’t going to go all unicorns and rainbows, either, regarding the relationship between the owners and players. There’s a reason baseball is at this point — Levine described the state of affairs as “embarrassing” for everyone involved — and it mostly boils down to the distrust that has percolated among the teams and their own players over the past five years. Levine correctly

talked about the union feeling burned by the previous CBA, and strangling each other over salaries during the 2020 COVID summer only fueled that anger. No one is disputing that MLB has included raises in a number of key economic areas during these talks. The players just don’t view them as proportionate to the revenue growth of an \$11 billion industry. And Levine countering with “there’s not endless money” isn’t going to score many points at the negotiating table, especially coming from the president of a franchise that was valued by Forbes at \$5.25 billion last year. “Teams are very expensive to run,” Levine said. “They appreciate in value over the long term, they really do. And at the end of the day, there is not endless money, people writing endless checks all the time. That’s just not the way it works in the real world — in any sport. In football and hockey and basketball, there are actually caps that demonstrate that it doesn’t work.” Ah, yes. The salary cap. Coveted by MLB for decades, the Players Association has successfully fought off the dreaded cap at every turn, aside from the CBT getting a foothold in 1997. All this time later, the players say the CBT works as a cap anyway, which is exactly what the owners want it to do — and why the union is so fiercely protective of that number in these negotiations. The importance of the threshold is crystal-clear. Maybe fewer than a handful of teams actually dare to

venture past the boundary and pony up the taxes for a winter’s shopping spree, but plenty stack up a few million short of the line, like planes circling during rush hour at LGA. Rational observers can look at MLB’s proposal for a \$220 million threshold and the union’s \$238 million request and see a middle point there. But the fact that the owners want to stay there for the first three years, and increase by only \$10 million over the life of the deal, equates to an average gap of \$274 million over each of those five years. The players already have bargained the owners down to keeping the tax rates at status quo. That’s a win in itself. But they obviously believe there’s more ground to gain, and the CBT — really a soft cap — is worth digging in for. Levine said he sees a compromise here, a deal to be made. And you can bet the mortgage the Yankees don’t want to be flushing all these games (i.e. mountains of cash) down the toilet with another week of the season about to be lost. But the longer this lockout goes, the risk of legit blowback from the irate fan base increases, and Levine should understand that after what he witnessed following the 1994-95 strike. Is Levine afraid that people could get angry enough to turn away from baseball again? “Yes,” he said, “very afraid.” So far, though, both sides seem OK wrestling in the sport’s bonfire, and the flames are only getting higher.



SCOREBOARD

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Florida	56	38	13	5	81	233	164		
Tampa Bay	55	37	12	6	80	192	155		
Toronto	56	36	16	4	76	207	167		
Boston	57	34	18	5	73	173	155		
Detroit	56	24	26	6	54	163	203		
Buffalo	58	18	32	8	44	154	209		
Ottawa	55	19	31	5	43	143	179		
Montreal	56	15	34	7	37	137	212		
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Carolina	56	39	12	5	83	191	134		
N.Y. Rangers	56	36	15	5	77	169	139		
Pittsburgh	57	34	14	9	77	185	152		
Washington	57	30	18	9	69	185	158		
Columbus	57	28	26	3	59	190	210		
N.Y. Islanders	53	21	24	8	50	137	152		
New Jersey	56	20	31	5	45	171	202		
Philadelphia	55	17	28	10	44	139	192		

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Colorado	57	41	11	5	87	227	163		
St. Louis	55	32	16	7	71	194	151		
Minnesota	54	32	19	3	67	203	177		
Dallas	55	32	20	3	67	165	160		
Nashville	55	31	20	4	66	174	155		
Winnipeg	56	24	22	10	58	167	174		
Chicago	57	20	29	8	48	144	198		
Arizona	55	16	35	4	36	132	201		
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA		
Calgary	55	34	14	7	75	193	134		
Los Angeles	58	32	19	7	71	172	162		
Vegas	57	32	21	4	68	184	167		
Edmonton	57	30	23	4	64	185	183		
Anaheim	58	27	23	8	63	172	179		
Vancouver	57	28	22	6	62	164	165		
San Jose	56	24	25	7	55	145	179		
Seattle	58	17	36	5	39	148	207		

**NOTE:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Colorado at New Jersey, late  
Florida at Pittsburgh, late  
Vegas at Philadelphia, late  
Arizona at Detroit, late  
Seattle at Toronto, late  
Dallas at Nashville, late  
N.Y. Rangers at Minnesota, late  
Ottawa at St. Louis, late  
Tampa Bay at Winnipeg, late  
Anaheim at Chicago, late  
Washington at Calgary, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Washington at Edmonton, 8p.m.  
Montreal at Vancouver, 10:30p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Arizona at Toronto, 7p.m.  
Chicago at Boston, 7p.m.  
Colorado at Carolina, 7p.m.  
Minnesota at Detroit, 7p.m.  
Philadelphia at Florida, 7p.m.  
Seattle at Ottawa, 7p.m.  
Vegas at Buffalo, 7p.m.  
Winnipeg at New Jersey, 7p.m.  
Columbus at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m.  
Anaheim at Nashville, 8p.m.  
N.Y. Rangers at St. Louis, 8p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Calgary, 9p.m.  
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota at Columbus, 7p.m.  
Vegas at Pittsburgh, 7p.m.  
Winnipeg at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30p.m.  
Washington at Vancouver, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Florida 6, Buffalo 1  
Toronto 5, Columbus 4  
Los Angeles 3, Boston 2 (OT)  
Colorado 5, N.Y. Islanders 4  
Calgary 3, Edmonton 1

NFL

**FRANCHISE TAG DESIGNATIONS**  
Exclusive tags and the salary receive  
2022 if long-term deal isn't reached  
before July 15:

**WR Davante Adams:** Green Bay  
**WR Chris Godwin:** Tampa Bay  
**TE David Njoku:** Cleveland  
**TE Mike Gesicki:** Miami  
**TE Dalton Schultz:** Dallas  
**OT Orlando Brown:** Kansas City  
**OT Cam Robinson:** Jacksonville  
**S Jessie Bates III:** Cincinnati

FRANCHISE TAG VALUE BY POSITION		
Pos.	Franchise	Transition
<b>QB:</b>	\$29,703,000	\$27,186,000
<b>LB:</b>	\$18,702,000	\$15,783,000
<b>WR:</b>	\$18,419,000	\$16,782,000
<b>DE:</b>	\$17,859,000	\$16,012,000
<b>DT:</b>	\$17,396,000	\$14,716,000
<b>CB:</b>	\$17,287,000	\$15,167,000
<b>OL:</b>	\$16,662,000	\$15,348,000
<b>S:</b>	\$12,911,000	\$10,817,000
<b>TE:</b>	\$9,931,000	\$9,392,000
<b>RB:</b>	\$9,570,000	\$8,034,000
<b>P/K:</b>	\$5,220,000	\$4,701,000

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
FAVORITE	LINE	WEDNESDAY UNDERDOG
Sacramento St.	112	Idaho
Portland State	4½	Idaho State
E. Washington	7½	No. Arizona
Florida State	1	Syracuse
Wake Forest	off	Boston College
Virginia Tech	off	Clemson
St. Joseph's	2½	La Salle
Rhode Island	9½	Duquesne
Nebada	4½	New Mexico
Utah State	13½	Air Force
Fresno State	13½	San Jose State
Arizona State	3½	Stanford
Oregon	9½	Oregon State
Washington St.	8½	California
Washington	pk	Utah
Xavier	5½	Butler
St. John's	5½	DePaul
Seton Hall	10	Georgetown
Northwestern	5	Nebaska
Penn State	3½	Minnesota
Mississippi	3	Missouri
Vanderbilt	9	Georgia
Charlotte	3	Rice
UTEP	2	Old Dominion
Kansas State	1	West Virginia
Texas Southern	4	Jackson State
Alcorn State	2	Prairie View
Houston Bapt.	4	Incarname Word
McNeese State	1½	NW St.
Norfolk St.	16½	Delaware State
Howard	6	Coppin State
Colgate	7	Navy
Vermont	20	Binghamton
Md Baltimore	4	Hartford

THURSDAY		
Michigan	1½	Indiana
Michigan State	2½	Maryland
Toledo	16	Cent. Michigan
Buffalo	2	Akron
Kent State	6	Miami (Ohio)
Ohio	7½	Ball State
George Mason	4½	Fordham
UMass	9½	Geo. Washington
Marquette	2½	Creighton
Florida	2	Texas A&M
Mississippi	4	South Carolina
Texas	5	TCU
Baylor	8½	Oklahoma
Texas Tech	7½	Iowa State
Cincinnati	5	East Carolina
Wichita State	6	Tulsa
UCF	9	South Florida
Weber State	3½	Montanta State
Wyoming	1½	UNLV
UCSB	pk	UC Irvine
UC Riverside	11	Hawaii
Mouthmouth	3	Niagara
Southern	6	Grambling State
Florida A&M	2	Alabama A&M
Morgan State	1½	South Carolina St.
NC Central	2½	Md Eastern Shore

WEDNESDAY		
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Detroit	off (off)	Chicago
Boston	7 (227)	at Charlotte
at Miami	off (off)	Phoenix
at Milwaukee	6 (237)	Atlanta
at Houston	off (off)	LA Lakers
at New Orleans	off (off)	at Orlando
at Minnesota	off (off)	Oklia. City
at San Antonio	off (off)	Toronto
at Dallas	off (off)	New York
at Utah	off (off)	Portland
at Sacramento	off (off)	Denver
at LA Clippers	5 (220)	Washington

**NHL FAVORITE** LINE UNDERDOG LINE  
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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	40	24	.625	—
Boston	39	27	.591	2
Toronto	34	30	.531	6
Brooklyn	32	33	.492	8½
New York	27	38	.415	13½

SOUTHEAST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Miami	44	22	.667	—
Charlotte	32	33	.492	11½
Atlanta	31	33	.484	12
Washington	29	34	.460	13½
Orlando	16	49	.246	27½

CENTRAL				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Milwaukee	40	25	.615	—
Chicago	39	26	.600	1
Cleveland	37	27	.578	2½
Indiana	22	44	.333	18½
Detroit	18	47	.277	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	44	22	.667	—
Dallas	40	25	.615	3½
New Orleans	27	37	.422	16
San Antonio	25	40	.385	18½
Houston	16	49	.246	27½

NORTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Utah	40	24	.625	—
Denver	39	26	.600	1½
Minnesota	37	29	.561	4
Portland	25	39	.391	15
Oklahoma City	20	44	.313	20

PACIFIC				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Phoenix	51	13	.797	—
Golden State	43	22	.662	8½
L.A. Clippers	34	32	.515	18
L.A. Lakers	28	36	.438	23
Sacramento	24	43	.358	28½

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Brooklyn at Charlotte, late

Cleveland at Indiana, late

Phoenix at Orlando, late

New Orleans at Memphis, late

Milwaukee at Oklahoma City, late

L.A. Clippers at Golden State, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Charlotte, 7p.m.  
Chicago at Detroit, 7p.m.  
Phoenix at Miami, 7:30p.m.  
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8p.m.  
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 8p.m.  
Orlando at New Orleans, 8p.m.  
New York at Dallas, 8:30p.m.  
Toronto at San Antonio, 8:30p.m.  
Denver at Sacramento, 10p.m.  
Portland at Utah, 10p.m.  
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 10:30p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 121, Chicago 106  
Detroit 113, Atlanta 110 (OT)  
Miami 123, Houston 106  
Minnesota 124, Portland 81  
Dallas 111, Utah 103  
San Antonio 117, L.A. Lakers 110  
Denver 131, Golden State 124  
New York 131, Sacramento 115

CAREER COACHING VICTORIES

REGULAR SEASON	G	W	L	W%
Don Nelson	2398	1335	1063	.557
Gregg Popovich	2028	1335	693	.658
Lenny Wilkens	2487	1332	1155	.536
Jerry Sloan	2024	1221	803	.603
Pat Riley	1904	1210	694	.636
George Karl	1999	1175	824	.588
Phil Jackson	1640	1155	485	.704
Larry Brown	2002	1098	904	.548
Rick Adelman	1791	1042	749	.582
Doc Rivers	1760	1032	728	.586

PLAYOFFS

W	L	PCT	CH
Phil Jackson	229	104	.688
Pat Riley	171	111	.606
Gregg Popovich	170	114	.599
Larry Brown	100	93	.518
Red Auerbach	99	69	.589
Doc Rivers	98	94	.510
Jerry Sloan	98	104	.485
Eric Spoelstra	85	58	.594
K.C. Jones	81	57	.587
George Karl	80	105	.432
Lenny Wilkens	80	98	.449

CH-NBA titles; through Monday

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN						
W	L	T	PT	GF	GA	
N.Y. Red Bulls	2	0	0	6	7	2
D.C. United	2	0	0	6	4	0
Columbus	1	0	1	4	7	3
Orlando City	1	0	1	4	2	0
New England	1	0	1	4	3	2
Philadelphia	1	0	1	4	3	2
Atlanta	1	1	0	3	3	4
Chicago	0	0	2	2	0	0
New York City FC	0	1	1	1	0	1
Toronto FC	0	1	1	1	2	5
Inter Miami FC	0	1	1	1	1	5
CF Montreal	0	2	0	0	1	4
Charlotte FC	0	2	0	0	0	4
Cincinnati	0	2	0	0	0	6

WESTERN

W	L	T	PT	GF	GA	
Austin FC	2	0	0	6	10	1
LA Galaxy	2	0	0	6	2	0
Los Angeles FC	1	0	1	4	4	1
Nashville	1	0	1	4	2	1
Real Salt Lake	1	0	1	4	1	0
Colorado	1	1	0	3	3	3
Kansas City	1	1	0	3	2	3
Portland	0	0	2	2	3	3
Minnesota United	0	0	2	2	2	2
FC Dallas	0	1	1	1	1	2
Houston	0	1	1	1	0	1
San Jose	0	1	1	1	4	6
Vancouver	0	1	1	1	0	4
Seattle	0	2	0	0	0	2

SATURDAY'S MATCHES

CF Montreal at New York City FC, 1p.m.  
Toronto FC at Columbus, 1:30p.m.  
Los Angeles FC at Miami, 1:30p.m.  
LA Galaxy at Seattle, 3:30p.m.  
Vancouver at Houston, 6:30p.m.  
Chicago at D.C. United, 7:30p.m.  
Salt Lake at New England, 7:30p.m.  
Cincinnati at Orlando City, 7:30p.m.  
San Jose at Philadelphia, 7:30p.m.  
Nashville at FC Dallas, 8:30p.m.  
Sporting KC at Colorado, 9p.m.  
Austin FC at Portland, 10p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES

Charlotte FC at Atlanta, 4:30p.m.  
Minnesota at N.Y. Red Bulls, 7p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19



**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**Thursday:** Big East  
quarterfinal, 9:30 p.m., FS1.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
**March 18 or 19:** NCAA  
Tournament first round

**UConn**  
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COLLEGE HOCKEY

# Hockey East playoffs to get started

By **Andrew Mahoney**  
Boston Globe

Even when his team was mired in a 0-10-2 stretch, Boston College men's hockey coach Jerry York liked what he was seeing, commending his players for continuing to practice hard and praising the leadership. "It's going to break and it's going to turn because that's where our thought process is," York said Feb. 14. He would prove to be right, with the Eagles splitting their next two series against Northeastern and Boston University, then sweep-

ing UMass on the final weekend of the season. That opened the door for NU to win its first regular-season Hockey East title when the Huskies swept Merrimack. "We're kind of hitting our peak right now," York said. "We're much more cohesive as a team. "Everybody goes through injuries. Certainly, we had our share of them. It kept us from really going forward through the year." The Eagles (14-17-5) were without Jack McBain for all of January and all but the final weekend in February. The senior forward had been injured, then joined Team

Canada at the Beijing Olympics, while teammates Drew Helleson and Marc McLaughlin skated for Team USA. All three are back, but York saw a silver lining to their absence. "We played a lot of players that would not have played much during the course of that January-February stretch we had, and now it's benefiting them as we go down the stretch," said York. "I think we're getting hot at the right time." That will be tested when the eighth-seeded Eagles open post-season play against New Hamp-

shire (14-18-1) on Wednesday night at Conte Forum in the first round of the Hockey East tournament. The Wildcats swept the season series in January but dropped eight of their last 10 down the stretch to finish ninth. The top five teams in Hockey East received byes, with teams 6-11 to play single-elimination games Wednesday and the three winners advancing to Saturday's quarterfinals. Northeastern, UMass, UMass Lowell, UConn, and BU got the byes. Merrimack (18-14-1) saw its hopes of securing a bye dashed

when NU scored the only goal of Saturday's game with 9.6 seconds remaining in the season finale, dropping the Warriors to the sixth seed. They will host Maine (7-21-4) in their first home playoff game in five years. Merrimack took two out of three against the Black Bears during the season. Coach Scott Borek was not ready to name a starter in net earlier this week, with both Hugo Ollas and Zachary Borgiel having solid seasons for the Warriors. "It's going to be a really tough call," said Borek. "Both of them deserve to play."

## UConn

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23 from the floor (4-for-6 on 3s) for 30 points and recorded 13 assists and 13 rebounds. Most of that production (16 points) came in one game, her 18-minute stint against Georgetown on Saturday in the Big East Tournament quarterfinals. In that game, and for shorter periods in her first game back against St. John's, she showed flashes of her signature moves and confidence. "I think she's doing a great job coming back from surgery," UConn senior guard Christyn Williams said. "Obviously, she's still trying to find her role. But Paige is still Paige." In other games, she has looked more tentative, especially in her pull-up and perimeter shooting. She played only nine minutes in the Big East Tournament final, a 70-40 win over Villanova, going 1-for-4.

"The physical part is real," Auriemma said. "Playing three games in three days, you knew she was not going to be feeling 100 percent because when she is, she is back to her old self in practice. The other part, the frustration part, not being able to do it when she wants, on demand, whenever she feels like it, that is a separate issue. And that, at some point, you have to adjust to [it]. You either don't play at all or understand that you, at 85 percent, can still be better than 90 percent of the kids playing college basketball and don't let your frustration get in the way of that." Not so conducive to a smooth return was the Huskies' schedule, games on Feb. 25 and 27 then five days to prepare for the conference tournament with three games in three days. This time off before the first NCAA Tournament game on March 18 or 19 could offer a chance to find her rhythm in a conventional practice routine. UConn had the leeway, with its one-sided wins, to increase her workload gradually, and that should continue in the early rounds of the NCAA Tournament. Deeper into tournament, the Huskies will be facing the top teams, perhaps No. 1 South Carolina in a regional final. In those games, Bueckers may need to find that cape and get comfortable wearing it again. "She's a kid, and she's never faced this kind of adversity before," Auriemma said. "So it's a learning process for her just like it would be for anybody else."



Teammate Evina Westbrook touches Paige Bueckers knee during warm ups before the Big East Tournament championship game against Villanova Monday. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

## Edwards' turnaround

Toward the end of the season, UConn sophomore forward Aaliyah Edwards rediscovered the aggressiveness that marked her freshman year. In the Big East Tournament, her defensive play and rebounding made her indispensable. She played 86 minutes in three games, tops on the team. "I think for me, the Tennessee game, around that time, was [the turning point]," Edwards said. "We were going into the last three weeks into the rest of our season. I may not have been producing as well as I know I can. But going into the end of the season, I just knew I had to be more impactful and aggressive for my teammates and to carry that over into the postseason." Said Auriemma: "It could have been anything. You look around and see Dorka [Juhasz] is playing well, and we can play with four guards if we need to, or maybe she was disappointed in herself, thinking 'I should be a lot better than I am.' All I know is there has been a huge difference in her

approach and the way she played." Edwards, who guarded Villanova star and Big East Player of the Year Maddy Siegrist effectively most of the night, came out with 12 points and six rebounds to a standing ovation but was frustrated over a few details when Auriemma whispered something to her. "I just said, in order for us to be the team we can be, she has to be that every night," Auriemma said. "And I asked her if, in [her native] Canada, right and left is different than America, because she did a great job on Siegrist, but then she went right a couple of times. She was kind of upset about missing a couple of free throws, and I just wanted to make her laugh."

## More recognition for Williams

Williams, the Most Outstanding Player in the Big East Tournament and a all-Big East First Team selection, was named one of five finalists for the Ann Meyers Drysdale award, given by the Naismith Hall of Fame to recognize the top shooting guard in the

nation. Williams, who leads the Huskies with 14.6 points per game, is shooting 47.4 percent from the field and 37.1 percent from 3-point range. The other finalists for the award include DePaul's Sonya Morris, Florida Gulf Coast's Kierstan Bell, Ohio State's Taylor Mikesell and Oklahoma's Taylor Robertson.

## A call for more Big East bids

All weekend there were passionate pleas for the NCAA selection committee to give the Big East women some love. Villanova, 21-10, is considered a bubble team and on the outs according to bracket analysts. "I don't think we've played against 10, 15 teams max better than Villanova," Auriemma said. "Whoever said they're one of the first four out, I'd like to see some team that finishes seventh in a Power Five conference play them in the first round. I would pay to see that."

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## Guard Hawkins in concussion protocol; Polley misses practice

On Tuesday, UConn head coach Dan Hurley announced guard Jordan Hawkins is in concussion protocol and Tyler Polley missed practice due to a stomach virus. In the Huskies' 64-62 loss to Creighton Hawkins suffered a head injury and left the game. He was then sidelined for UConn's 75-68 win over DePaul. Before Hawkins can return to action, he must clear concussion protocol. "You have to go through different steps," Hurley said. "Once you're are symptom-free, you can move to doing some type of physical work, non-contact work." A positive sign for Hawkins is that he's feeling better, but he is unlikely to play in UConn's opening Big East Tournament game on Thursday. The Huskies have a quarterfinal meeting against the winner of the first-round game between No. 6 Seton Hall and No. 11 Georgetown at 9:30 p.m. in Madison Square Garden. Polley is questionable to play.

— Shreyas Laddha

## Young

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regular season, 7-11 in the Atlantic 10. McCall will remain the coach until the season ends. Young is in his fourth season on Dan Hurley's coaching staff. He joined the program in April 2018 and was promoted to associate head coach in September 2020. He is known for his ability to bring in top recruits, helping UConn land three consecutive top-20 classes including current players such as All-Big East first-team center Adama Sanogo, All-Big East freshman Jordan Hawkins and consensus top-50 Class of 2023 recruit Stephon Castle. "Kimani is head coach quality and could be a head coach in Division I tomorrow if he wanted to pursue it," Hurley told the Courant in late February. "He has the luxury, as all my coaches do, of being able to wait for great jobs not just a job." Young stepped into the leading role this season after Hurley was ejected late in the first half of a 71-69 win over Villanova on Feb. 22. He said at the time that he was ready for the moment. "In our program, coach gives us all so much responsibility, I felt prepared for that," Young said after the win. "There wasn't a point that I felt out of place at all. With everything we do on a day-to-day basis, 11 months a year, every one of us on our staff could have stepped up in that situation." Hurley praised Young's game plan that led to the Huskies' first win over Villanova since 2014. "This guy is one of the best," he said. "He's one of the best associate head coaches in the country. The smartest thing I've done my whole career is recruit incredibly talented young men with unbelievable character and hire the best coaches in the country to work with me. I can't say enough about how unbelievable this guy is at his job."

SPORTS MEDIA

## Longtime ESPN analyst Vitale says latest test shows 'no cancer'


By **Sarah Valenzuela**  
New York Daily News

Dick Vitale is winning his battle with cancer. The long time ESPN college basketball analyst said in a Twitter post on Tuesday that his latest PET scan showed no signs of cancer. "OMG ALL THE PRAYERS many of u have sent have been answered as DR Brown who

heads my cancer TEAM called & said PET SCAN came back that NO CANCER is showing," Vitale wrote in the post, which included four photos of he and his family and friends. "I feel like a coach playing for the Final 4 has a PTPer hit a shot at buzzer. My MARCH MADNESS starts with a W baby!" Vitale revealed on Oct. 20 that he would be undergoing six months of chemo to treat lymphoma, a type of blood cancer.


That news came mere months after he had surgery to remove a growth on his nose diagnosed as melanoma, a type of skin cancer. That procedure was on June 28, 2021, and he said he was "cancer clear" after. He was also diagnosed with vocal chord dysplasia in January 2022, which forced him to take a leave of absence from calling games for the rest of this college basketball season.

He had successful surgery on his vocal chords the end of February. Though he stepped away from broadcasting games a few months ago on the world wide network because of his treatment, he continued to update the public on his progress via Instagram and Twitter. He also continued to talk about college games on social media and write his weekly men's college basketball awards on ESPN.com.



## Safety Tip of the Day

If children have a creative space to play and explore, with interesting things to do and look at, they'll be less likely to explore areas you might not want them to get into.

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# NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

PGA Tour boss waiting on Lefty’s call

Emboldened by support from golf’s biggest stars, Commissioner Jay Monahan said Tuesday the PGA Tour was ready to move on from the threat of a Saudi-funded rival league and that his phone will be on whenever Phil Mickelson is ready to call. In his news conference at The Players Championship, Monahan dove straight into the Saudi topic with what could be interpreted as a veiled shot at Mickelson. “We have too much momentum and too much to accomplish to be distracted by rumors of other leagues and their attempts to disrupt our players, partners and ... fans from enjoying the tour and the game we all love so much,” he said. “We are focused on legacy, not leverage.” “Leverage” is the word Mickelson used in Saudi Arabia and with golf author Alan Shipnuck that revealed Mickelson’s intentions and involvement with a proposed league led by Greg Norman and supported by Saudi Arabia’s sovereign wealth fund. Monahan said he hasn’t spoken with Mickelson since the comments and declined to speculate what discipline, if any, might follow. “The ball is in his court,” Monahan said of the 51-year-old six-time major champion who’s taking time off in the wake of the backlash to his comments. “... That’s a conversation I look forward to.”

ATP puts Zverev on 1-year probation



Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Alexander Zverev was put on probation for one year by the ATP for violently hitting the chair umpire’s stand repeatedly with his racket following a loss in doubles at the Mexico Open. If Zverev receives a code violation that results in a fine for unsportsmanlike conduct or for “verbal or physical abuse of an official, opponent, spectator or any other person while on-court or on-site,” he will be suspended from ATP events for eight weeks and fined an additional \$25,000, the tour announced Monday night. Zverev, who’s currently ranked No. 3, has until Friday to appeal. The 24-year-old German, who was the Mexico Open defending champion in singles, was kicked out of the tournament for yelling and cursing at official Alessandro Germani and violently striking the umpire’s chair no fewer than four times. Zverev already has been fined \$40,000 and forfeited more than \$30,000 in prize money, along with all of the rankings points he earned at the event. In October, the ATP opened an investigation into domestic violation accusations from a former girlfriend of Zverev.

Push for gender equity in auto racing

Chip Ganassi Racing and PNC Bank marked International Women’s Day with the launch of a campaign to drive gender equality in motorsports. Women in Motorsports will feature both a video content series showcasing female industry leaders and an internship program designed to create opportunities in motorsports for women. “While women continue to make inroads in careers dominated by males, such as motorsports, tech and finance, much work remains in achieving greater access to highly skilled jobs and equal pay,” said Debbie Guild, head of Enterprise Technology and Security and chief security office at PNC Bank. “Making inroads to build out the next pipeline of female innovators, entrepreneurs and business leaders is critical to closing the economic gender gap.” The application portal for the internship element of the Women In Motorsports campaign is on Chip Ganassi Racing’s official website. The team will select qualified female college students by April 1 for on-site learning and career-development experiences throughout the 2022 season. The campaign will highlight several top female employees in the Ganassi organization, which last year featured a pair of women on two of its winning IndyCar teams. —AP

NFL COMMENTARY

## Bet on this: One rule still matters

Players, coaches gambling on own league, games big no-no

By Tim Dahlberg  
Associated Press

Calvin Ridley had no inside information and, apparently, no idea how to bet. In other words, he was just like millions of other neophyte bettors lured in by promises of riches from sports betting operators and the leagues they cohabitate with. Except Ridley plays for the Falcons. And that’s where things get a little dicey. Almost everything goes these days in the Wild West of sports betting, but there’s still one big no-no that remains sacrosanct: You don’t bet on your own league and you certainly don’t bet on your own team. Ridley did both, and it cost him one of the worst bad beats ever. Suspended Monday for at least a year by hypocrite-in-chief Roger Goodell, the wide receiver is out \$11 million in salary for what he said was \$1,500 in bets made while he was on mental health leave from the team.

The bets were relatively paltry, and the crime didn’t seem much worse. Ridley wasn’t even around his team at the time he made the bets — which according to various reports were long shot parlays of as many as eight teams — and he certainly wasn’t trying to fix any games.

This wasn’t 1963, when Packers halfback Paul Hornung and Lions defensive tackle Alex Karras were suspended indefinitely for betting on NFL games and associating with “known hoodlums.” Ridley made the bets on a phone in Florida where it was legal through a casino that sponsors the Dolphins’ stadium.

Like most aspiring bettors, he just wanted a little action. “I know I was wrong,” Ridley tweeted after his suspension was announced. “But I’m getting 1 year lol.”

One year does seem a bit excessive, especially in an age when the NFL and its teams not only tolerate betting but encourage it — at least among the general population. A Sunday didn’t go by last season without constant reminders on TV about betting partners and sponsorships as the league and the industry settled into a profitable partnership neither saw coming just a few years earlier.

At nearly every commercial break we listened to an assortment of characters from Julius Caesar to the Manning family telling us to sign up and bet, something duly noted by former coach and TV analyst Tony Dungy.

“When we as a league encourage everyone to bet on our games, advertise betting on our players’ game stats, take in big



On Monday, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell suspended Falcons WR Calvin Ridley at least one season for betting on games last year. **AP FILE**

money from gambling sites & do everything we can to get our young people to embrace gambling — We can’t be surprised when this happens,” Dungy tweeted after the suspension was announced.

If it seems a bit awkward, it is. The morality police who once railed about the evils of gambling are now profiting by the new craze.

Indeed, Ridley actually may have done Goodell a favor by allowing him to make a tough stand against player betting while at the same time not interfering with the flow of money from the betting sites to the NFL coffers.

Here’s a short version of the new rules of order if you’re still confused: Betting is good. Betting by players is bad.

“There is nothing more fundamental to

the NFL’s success — and to the reputation of everyone associated with our league — than upholding the integrity of the game,” Goodell said.

Hopefully, Goodell keeps that lofty premise in mind as the league investigates allegations made by former Dolphins coach Brian Flores that team owner Stephen Ross offered him \$100,000 a loss a few years back so the team would tank enough to get the top pick in the draft.

Ross denies the allegations made in a lawsuit against the league and no one else has come forward publicly to substantiate them.

But game fixing goes to the core of sports betting fears, and if Ridley can be suspended for a year for his long shot parlay bets, Ross should be booted from the

league if enough evidence emerges to back the claims.

The bottom line is that sports bettors want the same thing fans want from the NFL — games that are on the level and above suspicion, untainted by players, owners or the guy putting air in the balls.

That means no betting by players, coaches or anyone else on the field. It means no tampering by owners or general managers or even Goodell himself. It means being more transparent about everything from injuries to suspect calls so that those watching don’t automatically think something is fishy.

It also means handing out punishment to those who break the rules.

That includes Ridley, no matter how bad his bets were.

NFL

## Rodgers stays with Packers; Broncos acquire Wilson

Associated Press

Aaron Rodgers is planning to come back to the Packers for an 18th season, a move that keeps the reigning MVP off the trade market and answers the question that had dominated NFL offseason discussions.

Rodgers sent out a tweet Tuesday afternoon confirming his return.

“YES, I will be playing with the Packers next year,” Rodgers said. “However, reports about me signing a contract are inaccurate, as are the supposed terms of the contract ‘I signed.’ I’m very excited to be back.”

NFL Network and Pat McAfee, the host of “The Pat McAfee Show” on SiriusXM and YouTube, had both reported earlier in the day that Rodgers was staying with the Packers. Rodgers makes a weekly appearance on McAfee’s show during the season.

NFL Network reported that the 38-year-old Rodgers had agreed to a four-year, \$200 million contract that includes \$153 million in guaranteed money. McAfee disputed the terms and said the contract wasn’t signed yet, and Rodgers’ tweet backed up McAfee’s account.

Rodgers’ decision comes nearly a month after he won his second straight MVP award. The four-time MVP quarterback has spent his entire career with the Packers.

He said he wanted to make an announcement on his future before the start of the free agency period that begins next week. The reports of his decision surfaced the same day the Packers placed the franchise tag on All-Pro receiver Davante Adams. Unless Adams, 29, signs a long-term deal before July 15, he will make just over \$20 million in 2022.

Rodgers wanted to avoid a repeat of 2021, when his status was uncertain until the start of training camp after he skipped the Packers’ mandatory minicamp.

The questions about his future stemmed from Rodgers’ disagreements with team management at the time. Rodgers said on multiple occasions over the last few months that his relationship with team officials had improved significantly.

Packers coach Matt LaFleur, GM Brian Gutekunst and president/CEO Mark Murphy said after the season they all wanted Rodgers back in 2022.

“I think we’ve got as good a shot as

anybody to win a Super Bowl next year (with Rodgers),” Gutekunst said. “He’s the MVP of the league. That’s our goal. I think we have an opportunity to do it right now.”

LaFleur made a move seemingly aimed at keeping Rodgers when he brought back Tom Clements as QBs coach. Rodgers had praised the 68-year-old Clements, who previously worked for the Packers from 2006-16.

**Wilson on way to Denver:** The Broncos have finally landed a worthy successor to Peyton Manning.

Six years and a day after Manning retired, Broncos GM George Paton agreed to send a massive haul of players and draft picks to the Seahawks for nine-time Pro Bowl quarterback Russell Wilson, according to reports Tuesday.

Wilson passed a physical Tuesday night, but the deal can’t become official until the start of the new league year on March 16.

The teams can’t comment on the deal until then, but the Broncos tweeted a clip of Tom Hanks’ character in “Cast Away” drawing a face on the volleyball he named “Wilson.”

About an hour later, the Seahawks tweeted

another clip from that movie in which Hanks’ scraggly, skinny character loses the volleyball at sea and hollers, “Wilson, where are you? Wilson! Wilson!”

The Broncos were seen as the front-runner for Rodgers before the two-time reigning MVP agreed to return to the Packers, presumably as the highest-paid player in NFL history. Not long afterward, Paton landed a Super Bowl-winning quarterback anyway, and one who’s five years younger than the Packers star.

The NFL Network reported the Seahawks agreed to send Wilson and a fourth-round pick to the Broncos in exchange for two first-round picks, two second-round picks, and a fifth-rounder, along with quarterback Drew Lock, defensive end Shelby Harris and tight end Noah Fant, the Broncos’ first-round draft pick in 2019.




Since Manning retired a month after winning Super Bowl 50, the Broncos have churned through 10 starting quarterbacks.

The Broncos haven’t been back to the playoffs since Manning retired, but they appear to have a playoff-worthy roster. And now the quarterback to make it all work.



WEATHER

WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Light snow. 1 to 3 inches accumulation, up to 5 inches in higher elevations. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

HIGH 35°  
LOW 26°

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and milder.

HIGH 51°  
LOW 27°

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and mild.

HIGH 52°  
LOW 37°

SATURDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Periods of rain, ending in the mid to late afternoon, very breezy.

HIGH 46°  
LOW 22°

SUNDAY







SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Partly sunny and windy.

HIGH 37°  
LOW 26°

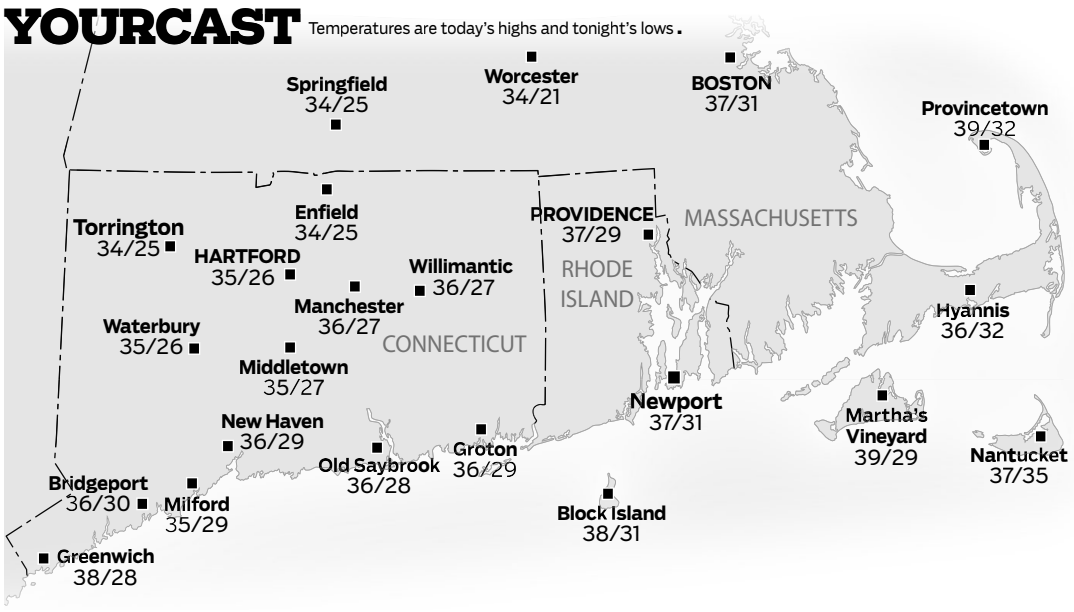
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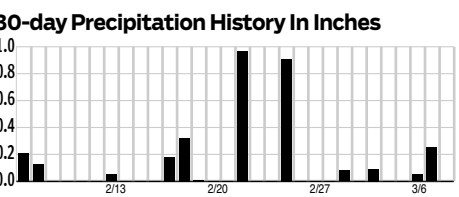
A low-pressure system will be passing to the south and east of Connecticut on Wednesday producing light snow for much of the day. The snow will start in southwestern portions of the state in the early morning, and it will overspread the entire state by mid to late morning. Lingering snow will end this evening. A general 1-to-3-inch accumulation is likely, but up to 5 inches will be possible in the higher elevations. Temperatures will be close to ten degrees below normal. High pressure will bring partly sunny skies on Thursday with highs near 50 degrees melting most of the snow.

-Gary Lessor

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Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.21 0.13
Month to date	0.47 0.99
Total this year	6.78 7.40
Snowfall In Inches	
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	0.0 0.4
Total this year	26.3 44.6

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	2:05 a.m.	8:55 a.m.	42°
	2:34 p.m.	8:52 p.m.	
Saybrook Jetty	3:16 a.m.	9:48 a.m.	42°
	3:45 p.m.	9:45 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	5:59 a.m.	12:36 a.m.	
Madison	6:28 p.m.	1:34 p.m.	40°
	3:23 a.m.	9:47 a.m.	
New Haven	4:00 p.m.	10:04 p.m.	
	3:43 a.m.	10:11 a.m.	39°
Stamford	4:20 p.m.	10:28 p.m.	
	3:47 a.m.	10:25 a.m.	40°
	4:24 p.m.	10:42 p.m.	





River Stage at Hartford: 8.71 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	Snow/rain	Snow/rain	Snow/rain
Wind	E, 5-10	SE/E, 5-15	SE/E, 5-15
Seas	1-2 ft.	1-2 ft.	2-3 ft.

Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good	Low	19°
Air Quality Today	Ultraviolet Index Today	Wind Chill Today
Today	Tomorrow	
Sunrise	6:13 a.m.	6:12 a.m.
Sunset	5:49 p.m.	5:51 p.m.
Moonrise	9:45 a.m.	10:23 a.m.
Moonset	12:21 a.m.	1:22 a.m.

Moon Phase



First Mar 10 Full Mar 18 Last Mar 25 New Apr 1

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AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor 38 24 PC  
Burlington 41 30 PC  
Caribou 34 21 PC  
Concord 34 22 SF  
Montpelier 34 25 PC  
Mt. Wash. 15 7 PC  
Portland 37 28 C  
Woods Hole 38 31 SN

Baltimore 43 29 R  
Bismarck 19 -2 C  
Boise 39 19 PC  
Buffalo 43 26 PC  
Charleston 77 59 SH  
Cincinnati 50 29 PC  
Cleveland 45 25 PC  
Indianapolis 49 30 PC  
Jacksonville 85 65 C  
Las Vegas 70 48 PC  
Miami Beach 81 75 PC  
Milwaukee 39 15 PC

Albany 35 28 SN  
Albuquerque 55 35 PC  
Atlantic City 43 27 R

NATION

KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms

Kingston 86 73 SH  
Lisbon 63 54 SH  
London 55 48 PC  
Madrid 59 41 C  
Mexico City 73 64 C  
Milan 54 32 C  
Montreal 37 28 PC  
Moscow 23 5 SN  
Nassau 82 70 PC  
New Delhi 90 63 PC  
Paris 57 41 C  
Prague 52 25 S  
Rio de Janeiro 97 73 R  
Rome 55 32 PC  
Seoul 59 37 S  
Singapore 91 75 T

WORLD

Dubai 95 81 PC  
Edinburgh 51 39 R  
Helsinki 32 23 PC  
Hong Kong 72 63 S  
Istanbul 41 32 SN  
Jerusalem 61 48 PC  
Johannesburg 77 61 T

Stockholm 42 31 PC  
Sydney 75 61 SH  
Tel Aviv 65 54 PC  
Tokyo 54 37 PC  
Toronto 41 21 PC  
Vancouver 46 30 S  
Warsaw 41 23 SH

MONDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

CIAC State Tournaments  
Division II—First Round  
Lower Bracket  
WESTHILL 70, XAVIER 47  
XAVIER (12-9): Colby Ciampi 2-0-4, Vik Vakati 1-0-3, Anthony Parker 8-2-20, Aidan Driscoll 5-0-11, Mark Schoonmaker 3-0-6, Sam Rector 1-0-3. Totals 20-2-47.  
WESTHILL (15-6): JeySon Slade 7-6-22, Anderson Graham 3-6-15, Aidan Lamothe 4-3-11, Chris Gattuso 1-0-3, Sergio Lemus 3-0-6, Jeremiah Winchester 2-0-5, Nasir Thornton 1-0-3, Niko Christon 1-0-2, Chris Hellens 0-3-3. Totals 22-18-70.

X	8	13	17	9	—	47
W	17	10	18	25	—	70

Division IV—First Round  
Upper Bracket  
CHENEY TECH 61, OLD LYME 50  
OLD LYME (8-13): John Almy 2-0-6, Jacob Ritchie 4-0-8, Frank Sablone 3-0-7, Caden Monte 6-1-13, Mav Swaney 7-2-16. Totals 22-3-50.  
CHENEY TECH (13-8): Kymani Thomas 3-0-7, Xavier McCall 6-7-20, Dammic Gittens 5-4-14, Omar Rios 2-4-9, Kelvin Rios 0-1-1, Justin Szeranja 2-0-4, Dazhaun Copeland 3-0-6. Totals 21-16-61.

OL	14	9	12	15	—	50
CT	19	9	15	18	—	61

Note: McCall had a double-double with 15rebounds, 2blocks, Gittens had 6assists and Thomas had 4 steals.  
Lower Bracket  
ROCKVILLE 66, PLATT TECH 45  
ROCKVILLE (10-11): Juneil Powell 4-4-13, Weston LeBrecque 6-4-17, Cam Washington 2-0-4, Dylan Resendes 6-0-14, John Ryan 6-0-14, Eric Montez Jr. 1-2-4. Totals 25-10-66.  
PLATT TECH (10-11): Isaac Quiones 1-0-2, Jehu Wade 6-1-13, Brian Caban 1-0-3, Derell Philmetta 1-0-3, Jermaine Sheppard 2-0-4, Akellie Clarke 7-2-19, Victor Cabezudo 0-1-1. Totals 18-4-45.

R	18	18	17	13	—	66
PT	9	13	8	15	—	45

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CIAC State Tournaments  
Class LL—Quarterfinals  
Lower Bracket  
MIDDLETOWN 61, DANBURY 46  
DANBURY (16-8): Tenley Wallin 3-1-7, Chloe Perrault 12-0-24, Vivanna Flores 2-0-5, Amar-Ryi Edwards 4-2-10, Gabby Kufnor 0-0-0. Totals 21-3-46.  
MIDDLETOWN (20-3): Shalyn Smith 6-3-15, Jada Bryant 1-0-2, Alexa DeSena 1-0-2, Tyah Pettaway 8-4-22, Shadae Bushay 6-0-15, Kaila Torres 1-0-2, Ava Studinski 1-0-3. Totals 24-7-61.

D	14	12	12	8	—	46
M	20	17	15	9	—	61

BOYS HOCKEY

CIAC State Tournaments  
Division II—First Round  
Lower Bracket  
WETHERFIELD 7, NORTH BRANFORD 4

NB	2	1	1	—	4
W	1	4	2	—	7

Goals: W—Jack Millen (3), Jay Socha (2), Shan Mazur, Nate Odell NB—Mike Matteo (2), Ryan Michonski, Dakota Cooper. Saves: W—Matt Ruck, 10 NB—Aidan Geist, 25. Note: Colby Quinn had 2assists for Wethersfield.  
Division III—First Round  
Upper Bracket  
E.O. SMITH/TOLLAND 7, HOUSATONIC CO-OP 2

H	1	1	0	—	2
EOS	4	1	2	—	7

Goals: EOS—Cam Sterling (3), Quentin Wry, Cole Schoen, Kaleb Van Horn, Braiden George H—Cole Hollica, Steve LaVigne. Saves: EOS—Dan Polglin, 13 H—Landon Gode, 27. Rec.: EOS—19-3-1 H—5-15. Note: Wry and George each had 2assists.

TUESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

CIAC State Tournaments  
Division I—First Round  
Upper Bracket  
WILBUR CROSS 79, EAST HARTFORD 70  
WEST HAVEN 65, TRUMBULL 45  
HAMDEN 69, IMMACULATE 63

Lower Bracket  
MANCHESTER 63, GLASTONBURY 57  
GLASTONBURY (4-17): David Smith 5-2-14, Tyler Huff 2-5-9, Owen Peterson 2-1-6, Mickey Shea 1-0-2, Khaliq Young 2-0-5, Adam Moluis 3-4-11, Jordyn Sams 2-0-4, Trey Tennyson 0-1-1, Jack Hennessy 2-1-5. Totals 19-14-57.  
MANCHESTER (15-6): Laquonne Thomas 1-0-2, Troy Butler 7-4-22, Damian Sanchez 2-2-7, Jared Lindstrom 6-0-12, Lucas Ryan 3-0-6, Jayden Cersosimo 3-5-12, Jermaine Robinson 1-0-2. Totals 23-11-63.

G	8	12	14	23	—	57
D	18	15	11	19	—	63

DANBURY 69, NEW BRITAIN 35  
HILLHOUSE 56, NEW CANAAN 29

Division III—First Round  
Upper Bracket  
BERLIN 67, E.O. SMITH 54  
ANSONIA 48, LEWIS MILLS 47  
NORWALK 68, ST. PAUL 58  
GUILFORD 64, EAST HAVEN 38  
LEDYARD 58, MASUK 47

Lower Bracket  
PLATT 64, BARLOW 45  
EAST LYME 56, CLASSICAL 47  
BASSICK 80, BROOKFIELD 58  
WCA 68, DARIEN 66  
NEW LONDON 45, TORRINGTON 41

Division V—First Round  
Upper Bracket  
STAFFORD 50, AEROSPACE 46  
AEROSPACE (9-13): Rayquanne Bogle 8-1-19, Alex Small 1-1-3, Kooper Ashandre 2-0-6, Justin Smith 3-0-7, Kevin Clarke 4-1-11. 18-3-46.  
STAFFORD (15-7): Tom Balanceau 1-0-2, Logan Briffs 1-0-1, Isaac Minaya 6-0-12, Mark McLaughlin 5-3-18, Zack Donovan 4-3-11, Collin Gudeman 2-2-6. Totals 18-9-50.

A	7	22	3	14	—	46
S	11	15	14	10	—	50

Of note: Briggs had 7assists.  
SUFFIELD 74, NORWICH TECH 53  
NORWICH TECH (9-12): Elliot Amedzekor 1-0-2, Dante Brown 0-2-2, Camren Topkin 4-0-11, Fletcher Ballaro 1-0-3, Josh Hanks 1-1-3, Bradley Saint Louis 4-0-8, Jaquwonne Johnson 4-0-10, Chace Davidson 5-0-14. Totals 20-3-53.  
SUFFIELD (13-8): Ryan Levis 8-2-21, Nick Van Cott 2-0-5, Jack Pixton 4-1-10, Michael Coggins 11-1-26, Nick Sattan 2-0-4, Ran Sunshine 0-2-2, Jack Loos 2-0-4, Quinn Lynam 1-0-2. Totals 20-6-74.

NT	17	8	10	18	—	53
S	21	16	17	20	—	74

PORTLAND 58, COVENTRY 38  
WINDHAM 61, BACON ACADEMY 48  
WINDSOR LOCKS 51, EAST HAMPTON 46  
WHITNEY TECH 72, WHEELER 54

Lower Bracket  
ACHIEVEMENT FIRST 62, OXFORD 60  
OXFORD (9-12): Jonny Broas 5-0-13, Gavin Glass 2-0-4, Julian Papst 4-5-14, Will Broas 8-1-22, David Zarecki 3-0-7. Totals 22-6-60.  
ACHIEVEMENT FIRST (14-7): Sadiki Darling 3-4-10, Albert Edole 1-0-2, David Hinds 6-3-16, Rodrick Pearson 8-0-16, Deivone Tanksley 9-0-18. Totals 27-7-62.

O	23	13	9	15	—	60
AF	23	12	16	11	—	62

OLD SAYBROOK 48, EAST GRANBY 39  
CAPITAL PREP 91, WESTBROOK 47  
UNIVERSITY 50, WOLCOTT TECH 48  
NORTHWESTERN 53, GOODWIN TECH 31  
LITCHFIELD 72, O'BRIEN TECH 37

GIRLS BASKETBALL

CIAC State Tournaments  
Class L—Quarterfinals  
Upper Bracket  
NEWINGTON 54, GUILFORD 45  
GUILFORD (17-9): Faith O'Donnell 5-2-16, Miabella Diaz 2-2-7, Lauren Cunneen 4-2-10, Olivia Weekes 1-0-3, Keira Reynolds 4-0-9. Totals 16-6-45.  
NEWINGTON (24-2): Lilly Ferguson 8-1-19, Karissa 2-0-5, Marlie Zocco 4-0-12, Selah Prignano 1-0-2, Bела Cucuta 5-0-14, Kendall Miller 1-0-2. Totals 21-1-54.

G	12	13	10	10	—	45
N	10	22	15	7	—	54

Of note: Ferguson had 8rebounds, 4assists.  
E.O. SMITH 38, MERCY 32  
E.O. SMITH (19-6): Olivia Verboven 0-2-2, Claire Greene 5-2-17, Lilli Clark 0-2-2, Maddie Hughes 3-2-11, Bella Mallory 2-0-4, Jill Dingler 1-0-2. Totals 12-8-38.  
MERCY (20-5): Sophia Hedge 5-0-12, Kate Donlan 2-0-4, Ava Giansiracusa 4-4-14, Winnie Ciccarello

1-0-2. Totals 12-4-32.

EOS	7	7	11	13	—	38
M	10	3	15	4	—	32

Lower Bracket  
SIMSBURY 36, FARMINGTON 29  
NOTRE DAME-FAIRFIELD 57, POMPERAUG 41

Class M—Quarterfinals  
Upper Bracket  
VALLEY REGIONAL 75, MONTVILLE 35  
MONTVILLE (10-11): Jada Cheung 3-8-14, Ava Collins 2-0-4, Christyna Winstead 2-0-4, Maya Hillman 2-7-11. Totals 9-15-33.  
VALLEY REGIONAL (22-4): Ava Cunningham 2-2-7, Abby Bradbury 6-0-14, Bitzy Klomp 2-1-7, Liz Allen 4-2-12, Olivia Cunningham 5-2-12, Lily Grow 6-0-12, Siena Schaller 1-1-3, Regan Grow 4-0-8. Totals 30-8-75.

M	14	4	11	4	—	33
VR	27	21	12	15	—	75

HOLY CROSS 62, NEW FAIRFIELD 50

Lower Bracket  
BACON ACADEMY 45, CROMWELL 29  
CROMWELL (17-6): Grace Mikan 1-0-3, Cameryn Hickey 2-0-4, Brynn Kovacs 1-0-2, Jessica Grodzicki 3-0-7, Nevaeh Clark 1-0-3, Adela Cecunjamin 3-4-10. Totals 11-4-29.  
BACON ACADEMY (21-3): Grace Soldana 1-0-3, Emily Ferrigno 3-0-6, Marissa Nudd 6-6-18, Valeria Luizzi 4-4-14, Cara Shea 0-2-2, Emma Mancuso 0-2-2. Totals 14-14-45.

C	6	8	6	9	—	29
BA	17	10	9	9	—	45

EAST HAMPTON 57, SEYMOUR 44

Class S—Quarterfinals  
Upper Bracket  
BOLTON 44, SOMERS 27  
THOMASTON 43, GILBERT 25

Lower Bracket  
COVENTRY 40, HOUSATONIC 25  
IMMACULATE 53, OLD LYME 43

BOYS HOCKEY

CIAC State Tournaments  
Division I—First Round  
Upper Bracket  
RIDGEFIELD 2, SIMSBURY 1  
FAIRFIELD PREP 4, WEST HAVEN 3  
ST. JOSEPH VS. NEW CANAAN, LATE

Lower Bracket  
DARIEN 3, GREENWICH 0  
IMMACULATE AT HAND, LATE  
NOTRE DAME-FAIRFIELD VS. NORTHWEST CATHOLIC, LATE

WEDNESDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

ALL GAMES AT 6:30 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

BOYS BASKETBALL

CIAC State Tournaments  
Division II—Second Round  
Upper Bracket: No. 16Amistad (14-7) at No. 1Bristol Central (24-0); No. 9Staples (16-5) at No. 8Waterford (16-5); No. 13Newtown (15-6) at No. 4Wilton (17-3); No. 12St. Joseph (15-6) at No. 5Holy Cross (16-4)  
Lower Bracket: No. 18Greenwich (10-11) at No. 2 Northwest Catholic (22-2); No. 23Stamford (11-10) at No. 7Crosby (15-5); No. 14Westhill (15-6) at No. 3Conard (20-3); No. 11Middletown (16-7) at No. 6 Prince Tech (15-5)  
Division IV—Second Round  
Upper Bracket: No. 16Valley Regional (11-10) at No. 1 Cromwell (19-1); No. 9Canton (14-6) at No. 8Wamogo (15-5); No. 13Cheney Tech (13-8) at No. 4Granby (16-4); No. 12Ellington (13-8) at No. 5Windham Tech (16-4)  
Lower Bracket: No. 18Rockville (10-11) at No. 2 Abbott Tech (17-3), 6p.m.; No. 10Morgan (14-7) at No. 7Somers (15-5); No. 14Killingly (12-9) at No. 3 Branford (17-3); No. 11Bethel (14-7) at No. 6Bloomfield (16-4)

BOYS SWIMMING

Diving Championships  
Class LL at Middletown HS, 5:30p.m.  
Class L at Sheehan HS, 5:30p.m.

GOLF

On course and in Hall of Fame, Tiger overshadows all

Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Tiger Woods is going into the World Golf Hall of Fame with three others who no doubt will be overshadowed in the presence of a player who transcended the sport like no other.

Perhaps that's only fitting. It was like that every time Woods teed it up, from his "Hello, world" debut in Milwaukee in 1996 through his 15 majors and 82 titles on the PGA Tour. Win or not, Woods was playing and it seemed everyone else was along for the ride.

Ernie Els might have summed it up as well as anyone in early 2000. They matched eagles on the 72nd hole at Kapalua and birdies in the playoff. Woods beat him on the second extra hole with a 40-foot putt for his 18th win worldwide and fifth in a row on the PGA Tour.

Except for his age — 24 — Woods already had met current Hall of Fame requirements by then.

"He's probably going to be bigger than Elvis when he gets into his 40s," Els said that day.

Now he is 46, and Woods certainly will be the star attraction when he is inducted Wednesday night, even if it takes place in front of his smallest gallery — no more than 500 are expected for the ceremony.

Making the night even more special is his 14-year-old daughter, Sam, will be introducing him.

Along for the ride are three-time U.S. Women's Open champion Susie Maxwell Berning, former PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem and the late Marion Hollins, a U.S. Women's Amateur champion and the first woman to develop golf courses.

Finchem led the tour to unprecedented growth. If he was behind the wheel,

then Woods was the engine. In an interview after he was elected, Finchem laughed when asked how his 22 years as commissioner would have been if Woods had played tennis instead.

"It would have been a much more difficult job," he said. "Tiger coming on the scene ... took our sport to another level."

All of them earned their place. All will be honored. The living members will have a night to remember, even if the attention is squarely on one person.

Just like always.

"With no disrespect to anyone else, he should almost go in on his own," Rickie Fowler said. "It should be his induction. It takes away, potentially, from the other three. Not a knock on Tiger being in the same class, but he is so much bigger. There's a lot of ways to look at it."

Padraig Harrington found one of those ways.

He recalls the time he received an honorary doctorate from St Andrews University before the 2010 British Open, an emotional night with 1,000 in attendance in Younger Hall. Even with two claret jugs among his three majors, not many were there to see Harrington.

Also receiving honorary doctorates that year were Arnold Palmer and Tom Watson, along with South African billionaire Johann Rupert, a hugely influential figure in international golf.

"It was a big deal to get an honorary doctorate, but it actually added to mine that they were there with me," Harrington said. "Arnold did not take away from it. Johann Rupert added 100% to that occasion. The people getting in (the Hall of Fame), they'll have a better day and a better story to tell."

Woods has had the stage to himself for as long as he has played. The Hall of Fame is no different.